

The weather at major Swissair destinations

15.12.83	MIN	MAX	C	F	W
AMSTERDAM	2	8	7	45	Cloudy
BRUSSELS	2	8	7	45	Cloudy
BUENOS AIRES	20	26	23	81	Cloudy
CHICAGO	-1	4	-1	31	Cloudy
COPENHAGEN	1	4	2	36	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	1	4	2	36	Cloudy
GENEVA	2	8	5	41	Cloudy
HELSINKI	3	7	5	41	Cloudy
HONG KONG	15	20	18	64	Cloudy
JERUSALEM	17	23	20	68	Cloudy
LONDON	10	16	13	55	Cloudy
LISBON	5	11	8	46	Cloudy
MADRID	4	10	7	45	Cloudy
MONTREAL	-15	-5	-11	12	Cloudy
NEW YORK	-2	3	0	32	Cloudy
OSLO	-5	2	-2	28	Cloudy
PARIS	7	12	9	48	Cloudy
RIO DE JANEIRO	19	26	23	81	Cloudy
SAO PAULO	18	24	21	70	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	6	11	8	46	Cloudy
TOKYO	0	10	5	41	Cloudy
TORONTO	5	10	7	45	Cloudy
VIENNA	0	3	1	34	Cloudy
ZURICH	0	3	1	34	Cloudy

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy.

Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
Humidity	Min-Max	Min-Max
Jerusalem	52	7-12
Golan	50	4-13
Nahariya	55	7-18
Safed	73	9-19
Haifa Port	57	12-18
Tiberias	59	7-18
Nazareth	60	8-15
Afula	57	4-17
Shimon	53	5-15
Tel Aviv	50	8-18
B-G Airport	52	7-19
Jericho	49	6-19
Gaza	57	10-19
Bnei-Hinon	50	7-18
Beit	25	8-23

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Shulamit Shamir, wife of the Prime Minister, was the guest of WIZO House yesterday afternoon. Michal Modai, chairperson of WIZO Israel, and World WIZO President Raya Jaglom addressed the gathering.

Mrs. Raya Jaglom, president of World WIZO, this week gave a reception in her home in honour of the new president of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, Mrs. Cecily Peters, and the Canadian delegation to the Youth Aliya 50th Anniversary Conference.

DEPARTURES

Minister of Science and Development Yehoshua Neuman for Paris, where he is to meet French counterparts and other French science officials.

HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Classes start today 1 hour late

By SUSAN BELLOS and LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporters

Classes will begin at 9 this morning in kindergartens, elementary schools, junior highs, those high schools where the teachers are members of the Histadrut Teachers Union, and teachers' colleges.

The union's one-hour warning strike is a protest against the Education Ministry's decision not to allow the hiring of substitute teachers during the first three days of the regular teacher's absence, part of the ministry's IS450 million budget cut.

The Histadrut Teachers Union, which claims failure to hire substitutes can endanger children's safety, will meet with Prime Minister Shamir tomorrow to try to win his support for their position.

The Secondary School Teachers' Association is not participating in this morning's strike. But they say that if the Histadrut Teachers Union meets with the prime minister they, too, want such a meeting to register their dissatisfaction with the ministry's substitute teacher cut.

Shmueli said last night that he regretted the strike but unless the substitute teacher cut was made, the ministry would have to take other measures which would cause more distress to needy sectors of the population.

Price of phone tokens rises to IS5

Post Economic Reporter

The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday approved a rise in the price of telephone tokens from IS4.2 to IS5. It is due to vote today on a 20 to 50 per cent increase in charges for all other postal and telephone services, as requested by the Communications Ministry.

Most of the committee members attacked the ministry's request, noting that it had promised in the past not to request price increases over 25 per cent.

Coalition and opposition members agreed that the hike would boost inflation. Dan Tichon (Liberal) said ministers should understand that price increases should not exceed the average rise in prices.

Adi Amoral (Alignment) said the Treasury is using inflation as a tool to lower wages, instead of cutting government spending.



Schoolgirls gather to pass the time near a pile of garbage yesterday on Rehov Rabbi Akiva in Bnei Brak, where a strike by the town's 1,000 municipal workers shut some schools and stopped garbage collection. The strike began on Friday and intensified yesterday. (IPPA)

Shultz defends U.S. consulate against Israeli complaints

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State George Shultz yesterday defended the behaviour of the U.S. Consulate in Jerusalem in the face of the latest Israeli complaints that American diplomats there are still promoting the activities of pro-PLO West Bankers.

The visiting coordinator of activities in the administered territories, Ben-Eliezer, charged during a meeting with Shultz yesterday that U.S. consular officials are actually working against American as well as Israeli interests in "encouraging" these pro-PLO circles.

Prime Minister Shamir, during his recent summit in Washington, also raised the matter of the consulate in Jerusalem.

But Shultz and other U.S. officials denied yesterday that U.S. diplomats there are acting improperly or undermining the peace process. According to Ben-Eliezer, the secretary maintained that those U.S. officials in Jerusalem responsible for maintaining contact with West Bankers are behaving in the highest traditions of U.S. diplomacy.

Ben-Eliezer, who met with Shultz for one hour, emerged from the

Ousted lands official to go gracefully

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The ousted director-general of the Israel Lands Administration, Meir Shamir, has no intention of contesting his firing before the High Court of Justice. Shamir told *The Jerusalem Post* that he accepts the cabinet's decision without reservation. "I have always been a disciplined man," he said, "and I honour the decision of the cabinet."

The *Post* yesterday reported speculation that Shamir would appeal to the High Court. Scorching these rumours, Shamir said that he had come to the end of a phase in his career and the new phase begins today. He did not yet know what he would be doing.

Shamir expressed regret over his

ouster, noting that he had worked well with both Ariel Sharon and Simha Ehrlich when they were agriculture ministers. He said he had the "feeling" that there were political reasons for his ouster. Although not politically active, Shamir, a former director of the Jewish National Fund development authority and former acting head of the World Zionist Organization settlement department, is associated with the Labour party.

Shamir said he was gratified at the appreciation which had been expressed for his work, "from Tebiya to Mapam."

Reacting to the media reports that one reason for his dismissal was his refusal of orders from

Agriculture Minister Pessah Grop per to sell state land, Shamir noted that he had not specifically disobeyed an order to sell such land. The question had not yet come up but he admitted that he would have defied such an order if it had been given. The former director noted that the prohibition on selling state land is part of the basic law.

Shamir said that he fully supported the law and hopes that it will not be changed.

Commenting on Shamir's dismissal, Simha Assaf, secretary-general of the Organization of Agricultural Workers, said yesterday that he hoped that Shamir's replacement would continue to protect the

Chances dwindle for cut in MKs' wages

By AVI TEMKIN and ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Reporters

The chances of a 10 per cent cut in the wages of Knesset members, ministers and judges seemed to dwindle yesterday after the Alignment decided against the step, and some coalition members at the Knesset Finance Committee voiced their opposition as well.

Alignment committee members Haim Ramon, Imri Ron and Avraham Katz-Oz asked yesterday to be replaced at the committee deliberation on the subject, since they favoured the proposed cut and their faction's official position was against. A fourth member, Neftali Feder, who had favoured the cut last week, spoke against it yesterday. Feder said that it was liable to

serve as a precedent for solving the economic problems of the country through a reduction in workers' salaries.

Alignment whip Adi Amoral complained that Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Or had personally intervened in the matter, against an established tradition that wages of senior office-holders are determined by the Finance Committee. Amoral added that the Alignment will not vote for a measure that could be interpreted as meaning that lower wages are the solution to the country's economic problems.

Even among those in favour of the cut there were voices for a quarterly adjustment of wages of MKs, instead of the current semi-annual increases. Others, like Avraham Melamed (National

Religious Party) said that the salaries of judges should not be reduced.

The Alignment Knesset faction decided that instead of an across-the-board cut in Knesset members' pay, all Alignment MKs will give up part of their salary on a sliding scale, to be devoted to some worthy social cause.

It decided to use the overall income of its members as the basis, which to calculate how much each one would waive. The money would be collected by the faction and transferred to the appropriate cause.

Labour MK Ya'acov Gil said the Treasury wants to make use of MKs' agreement to reduce the salaries to get wage-earners as a whole to reduce their salaries.

Mothers of 'desaparecidos' still have hopes for children

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

The mothers of some of the Jews who disappeared during the military regime in Argentina believe that some of their children may still be alive and in prison, two Knesset Members told the Knesset Immigration and Absorption Committee yesterday.

Michael Kleiner (Likud) and Dov Zakin (Alignment) said they met in Buenos Aires with relatives of the missing Jews, who spoke to Argentina President Raul Alfonsín.

Oskar Haimovici, a member of the Israel Committee of relatives of desaparecidos, (the disappeared) told the Knesset body that, when a Knesset delegation finally goes to

Buenos Aires to help ascertain the fate of the missing Jews, it should also probe anti-Semitism in Argentine prisons. He said that neo-Nazism has taken root among prison staffs and that Jewish prisoners are subjected to abuse.

Committee chairman Uzi Baram said he wrote to Prime Minister Shamir urging him to allow the Knesset delegation to go to Argentina as rapidly as possible, before political conditions there change.

Kleiner said that the advent of the new regime in Argentina has caused a change of heart within its Jewish community. Potential immigrants to Israel have decided to remain where they are, in the hope of an economic boom.

FISCAL BILL

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of children a taxpayer has. Avraham Hirschson (Likud La'am) said that he found it difficult to vote for the bill when the reform costs so much and he achieved so little. The reform should not be extended before it is thoroughly re-evaluated, he said.

Income Tax Bill

The income-tax amendment designed to plug up four loopholes which was presented to the Knesset for its first reading last Wednesday by Cohen-Or, passed its first reading last night.

Only eight MKs were present at the time of the vote — five from Alignment and three from Likud, including Cohen-Or, eight voted in favour of the bill.

The following are the four points covered by the bill:

- Tax-payers will no longer be permitted to pay only the principal of a tax debt and defer payment of the interest and linkage. Such a provision halted the accumulation of additional interest and linkage. Henceforth, half of each payment of arrears will be credited to principle and half to the interest linkage.

- University lecturers and other employees who earn money abroad for the same type of work they do in Israel will be taxed such earnings. Until now only employed persons were so taxed.

- The employers' contribution to a Keren Hishtalmut (advancement fund) in excess of the amount provided for in collective agreements will henceforth be considered taxable income. The amounts laid down in collective agreements are 8.3 per cent of teachers' salaries and 7.5 per cent for all other employees.

- Gainfully employed persons who receive a pension from previous place of work will get present 35 per cent tax reduction, their pension only if they are 65 or over (women aged 55 or over).

Egyptian man kills himself in Eilat jail

EILAT (Itim). — An Egyptian citizen, aged 42, who was being held in jail here, hanged himself yesterday, police said.

The man was arrested earlier this month when he crossed the border illegally from Jordan in search of work.

ORNA. — The Zich Ya'acov police station was crowded with local car owners yesterday came to identify and claim automobile hood ornaments stolen by youths and recovered by police.

Christian group still plans on building hotel near Gilo

By MICHAEL EILAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Beth Shalom Christian movement has not withdrawn plans to build a controversial hotel near the Jerusalem suburb of Gilo, the movement's attorney said yesterday.

Attorney David Arad was speaking at a packed meeting of a municipal subcommittee on planning. The committee met to hear nearly 340 objections which claimed that Beth Shalom plans to build a missionary centre.

Many residents of Gilo quoted publications issued by one of the U.S. branches of Beth Shalom, and claimed that these publications showed clear missionary intent.

Land broker found with gold, guns

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A West Bank land broker was fined IS250,000 and received a six-month suspended sentence in the district court here yesterday, for illegal possession of dollars and weapons.

Shmuel Einav, who had been active for several years purchasing land in Samaria, was found in possession of IS78,000, five fragmentation grenades, two pistols and ammunition, and 2 kilos of gold, all without permits.

Einav had received permission to hold dollars for quick transactions, but these permits had lapsed. The court heard evidence that Einav was working with the approval of the authorities and has no criminal record. One of the pistols had been given him by a former chief of staff, the late David Elazar; the grenades had been given him by an IDF colonel while he was on official security service abroad.

BASKETBALL

Results from last night's games in the 17th round of the National League:

Mac. Tel Aviv 84, Hap. Haim 69; Mac. Haim 85, Mac. South Tel Aviv 79; Hap. Ramat Gan 88, Hap. Haim 81; Hap. Tel Aviv 96, Hap. Upper Galilee 87; Mac. Eilat 70, Hap. Haim 69; Hap. Tel Aviv 70, Mac. Ramat Gan 69.

Search goes on for 17-year-old girl

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

NESS ZIONA. — A wide-spread search for 17-year-old Dafna Spiegel, who has been missing since last Thursday evening, continued for the fourth day yesterday with police and Border Police combing the area. But by yesterday evening no clues had been turned up.

Spiegel, who was on vacation from a Scouts course in Ma'alot, left home at 11 p.m. Thursday after quarrelling with her parents. Her brother's pistol was found missing after she left.

Spiegel's parents notified the police on Friday that she had not returned the previous night, and since then the police have been searching for her. She left no hint of

Two sentenced to life

HAIFA (Itim). — Two villagers from Rummana, south of Nazareth, were sentenced yesterday to life imprisonment in the local district court for the murder of their village mukhtar (headman). Two other villagers drew jail terms for being involved.

Sabri Haif Abu Shakir, 27, and Nabil Fuad Sabhat, 25, were sentenced to life imprisonment for strangling Tewfik Anis al-Amur, 48, with a kaffiyeh head-dress in a quarrel between village clans. Tewfik al-Salah Sabhat, 38, was sentenced to 15 years for manslaughter, and Bassem Sadek Sabhat, 24, got five years for assisting in kidnapping the mukhtar.

Three held in Ness Ziona car bombing

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

NESS ZIONA. — Three men were arrested here yesterday on suspicion of planting a car bomb which exploded earlier in the day, slightly injuring a woman and her two-year-old child.

Police said the slight injuries sustained were nothing short of miraculous, for the bomb demolished the car and was intended to kill the person who turned the ignition.

Ramon Lezion police commander Danny Gimshtel told *The Jerusalem Post* that the incident was probably part of a "settling of accounts" among criminals. The intended victim was the woman's husband, who is known to the police, it was learned.

CAIRO (AP). — Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali left for Washington yesterday on a three-day visit to discuss Egypt's concerns about Middle East peace efforts, the U.S.-Israel strategic cooperation agreement and American aid to Egypt.

All told reporters at Cairo airport he was carrying a message from President Hosni Mubarak to President Ronald Reagan dealing with "the Egyptian view of the latest developments in the Middle East."

Princess Caroline of Monaco will marry Stefano Casiraghi, son of a wealthy Italian family, at the royal palace here on December 29, a spokesman for Prince Rainier announced yesterday.

The 25-year-old Casiraghi's family made its fortune in oil, heating and property.

Princess Caroline's previous marriage to French businessman Philippe J. not lasted two years and was dissolved, in October 1980 by a Monaco court.

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion
Extends heartfelt condolences to
Richard J. Scheuer
Chairman of the Board of Governors, HUC-JIR
on the death of his mother

HELEN R. SCHEUER

Alfred Gottschalk
President

Michael L. Klein
Dean

Beit Berl College
mourns the death of

Dr. JO LEVI
from Monaco
and conveys condolences to the bereaved family.

For information, call Mr. Struk,
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To Thomas Fried and Family
We share your deep grief at the untimely passing of your wife and mother, our friend and member

JUDY יולי
בנחמת ציון וירושלים תנוחמו
Rabbi Jacob Berman Community Centre
Tiferet Moshe Synagogue, Rehovot

On the thirtieth day after the passing of

Dr. HELENA PILAUM יולי

we will hold a tombstone unveiling ceremony tomorrow, Wednesday, December 21, 1983 at 1.30 p.m. at the Sanhedria Cemetery, Jerusalem. Her friends and all who cherish her memory are invited to attend the ceremony.

Managers of Her Estate

On the first anniversary of the death of my beloved husband

JACK YAACOV SMITH יולי

we shall hold a memorial service at the graveside at the Givat Shaul Cemetery, Tel Aviv, on Sunday December 25, 1983. We shall meet at the cemetery gate at 2.00 p.m.

His wife — Hadassa Sokolik-Smith and Family

ad Sarah exhausts emergency supply
No funds for home oxygen equipment

MARGERY GREENFELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Since the Health Ministry stopped funding home oxygen equipment for chronic respiratory patients in mid-October, at least 30 Jerusalem residents have had to be hospitalized because they could not get the devices they needed in order to stay at home, said Uri Lupolianski, chairman of the Yad Sarah association for the lending of medical equipment.

The ministry, which is responsible for providing the oxygen tanks and meters to those who need them, told Yad Sarah in October it could supply no more equipment due to severe lack of funds, Lupolianski told *The Jerusalem Post* last week.

Ministry Director-General Ich Modan yesterday told *The Jerusalem Post* that the ministry had stopped its funding of the respiratory equipment because of a deficit of \$100 million. "We cannot afford it. We are now waiting for an answer from the Treasury on solving our budgetary problems, but until we get some money, we will have to solve most urgent problems first," he said.

Moreover, ministry sources said its paying for medical equipment to be used at home is not mandated by law, but rather a "voluntary effort" that the ministry undertakes when "we had lots of money."

Yad Sarah and the Kupat M Cholim spokesman, however, issue with this assertion, saying that the provision of necessary equipment to disabled persons with respiratory problems is the responsibility, as spelled out in health regulations.

Lupolianski told *The Post* that as a result of pressure by Yad Sarah, the ministry yesterday had made available 10 oxygen tanks to the Jerusalem branch. "But this is like tossing out a handful of seeds to feed a whole flock of birds. After the ministry stopped paying for the tanks, Yad Sarah started supplying patients from our own emergency stores. But we have exhausted our emergency stores and now have to send people away empty-handed," he said.

Lupolianski estimates that 50 tanks are needed right now in the Jerusalem area alone, and said that the same problem is sorely taxing the resources of the 35 Yad Sarah branches throughout the country. "I know of at least 30 Jerusalemites who have had to go to hospital in the past month because we could not give them oxygen equipment to use at home," he said.

Lupolianski pointed out that one day's hospitalization costs \$17,500, while purchasing an oxygen tank with all the necessary meters, hoses and mask costs about \$22,000. "The tank lasts for a lifetime and only needs to be refilled with oxygen, which Kupat Holim takes care of. Three days in hospital could take care of buying one oxygen tank, which can be used over and over again," he said.

Aside from the oxygen tanks, the ministry has also stopped supplying funds for suction equipment, inhalators and other equipment vital to the well-being of heart-attack victims, asthma sufferers and other persons with respiratory problems.

The Post has also learned that dozens of disabled persons who are ready to be discharged from hospital have been forced to wait to go home because of a lack of walkers, wheelchairs and other equipment necessary for their functioning at home.

Until October, the arrangement in the Jerusalem area was that the ministry supplied the funds for the oxygen tanks and meters, while Kupat Holim Cholim and the other sick funds were responsible for the cost of the oxygen itself, which is considered a medication, Lupolianski said.

The Jerusalem Yad Sarah branch acted as the centralized distributor of oxygen equipment, supplying full tanks with masks to those in need and then billing the relevant bodies. This saved patients and their families from having to run around town to gather the necessary forms, he said.

Kupat Holim is still providing the funds for the oxygen, but there are simply no tanks to put it in, Lupolianski said.

Arrangements in other parts of the country vary, but in most areas the district health offices supplied the tanks, with Yad Sarah branches acting as a back-up service for those who needed oxygen during hours when the offices were closed or had run out of equipment, Lupolianski said. These branches are also starting to feel pressure from those who have been turned away empty-handed from the district health offices, he said.

"This is the beginning of the most difficult time of the year for respiratory patients. Winter is always the time of greatest demand for this sort of equipment. If something is not done, the situation will be catastrophic," Lupolianski said.



President Chaim Herzog addresses the inaugural session of the public council of the Prisoners Rehabilitation Authority yesterday at Beit Hanassi. Seated next to Herzog is Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Ben Zion Rubin.

Group formed for prisoner rehabilitation

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Much of the rehabilitation work in prisons is wasted because most ex-convicts are left to their own devices once on the outside, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Uzan said yesterday.

Uzan was speaking at the inaugural session of the public council for the Prisoners Rehabilitation Authority at Beit Hanassi, under the auspices of President Chaim Herzog.

Herzog said that the idea of prison is to punish the offender and to protect society. No civilized society should use its prison system to exact revenge, he said. No matter how unfavourably the inmate regarded the prison, it must be the first stage in a process of correction and rehabilitation, said Herzog.

Uzan, whose ministry will supervise the new authority, said that 70 per cent of the 2,000 convicts released each year are back in prison within two years. He said that the authority, with its 13 staffers and four branches, will coordinate public agencies and volunteer groups to strive for better rehabilitation services.

The prison authorities will deal with rehabilitation work with prisoners on the inside, he said, while the authority will focus on problems of family, housing and vocational training for the prisoners after their release. He said that he has requested a \$20 million budget for the authority, which will start operating next April.

Avraham Hoffman, the former ministry spokesman, was named head of the authority at yesterday's council session. He has been working on plans for the authority for over a year.

Uzan said that while "the council's role will be to open the right doors to help ex-convicts, it is essential that members of the public open their hearts and show a more positive attitude to helping ex-convicts make a new start."

American tourist dies of wounds from bus bomb

Jerusalem Post Staff

The death toll from the December 6 bus bomb in Jerusalem rose to six yesterday, as Serena Sussman, 60, a tourist from the U.S., died of her wounds in Hadassah Hospital, Ein Kerem.

Nine victims of the bombing are still hospitalized, six in Shaare Zedek Hospital and three in Hadassah. While one of the Shaare Zedek patients is still in the intensive-care unit, the condition of all nine is said by hospital spokesmen to be "improving."

Sussman, who was burned over most of her body and was admitted to hospital in critical condition, lived in South Carolina. She had come to Israel to visit relatives.

Wife contradicts witness in murder trial

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A witness at a murder trial here testified yesterday that her husband — the chief state's witness — said in his sleep that one of the accused men was innocent.

Amnon David, Herzl Avitan and Ya'acov Shemesh are being tried in district court for participating in the Keren Or jewelry plant robbery and the murder of Ramle prison warden Roni Nitzan.

Rachel Cohen said that she heard her husband, Moshe, say in his sleep, "Amnon isn't guilty."

The witness said that when she asked her husband later what his words meant, he told her, "Forget it."

Rachel Cohen was answering questions put to her by the defence. She was originally slated to testify for the prosecution, but the state decided not to call her.

During cross-examination, the witness was accused by prosecutor Pnina Dvornik of making up the story to help David.

Rachel Cohen replied: "Who sleeps with him (Moshe Cohen) — you or me?"

Historical events on microfilm and microfiche

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Interdocumentation Co., a Swiss microfilming and offloading enterprise, and *The Jerusalem Post* have completed their latest project, a microfilm and microfiche edition of the history of the Jewish people in the Middle East at war and in peace as seen in the offloaded pages of *The Jerusalem Post*.

The microfilm is sold according to various periods in the history of the Jewish people in the Middle East at war and in peace as seen in the offloaded pages of *The Jerusalem Post*.

The first six cover the war of independence, the Sinai campaign, Six-Day war, the war of attrition, the Yom Kippur war and the 1978 Israeli intervention in Lebanon. The seventh section is the day-to-day coverage of the Egyptian-Israeli peace negotiations and treaty signing, beginning on November 1, 1977 and ending March 31, 1979.

The IDC which daily microfilms the pages of *The Post* has also just published on microfiche and microfilm *Israel Government Publications, History of Christianity in the Holy Land, The Ezzel Movement Archives 1936-1948, and Palestinian Newspapers in the Arabic Language*. The company has produced similar editions of *Judaica* from the National Library, including the *Palestine Weekly* (1920-1924), the *Palestine Bulletin* (1923-1931), the *Palestine Post* which incorporated the *Bulletin* (1932-1951) and *The Post* (1951 onwards).

It has also separately microfilmed a selection from *The Jerusalem Post Archives* entitled *Prominent People and Past Specialists, 1938-1972*.

The *Middle East at War* series is available from the IDC at a cost of \$2,510 (about \$1,300). Separate sections bear different prices.

An annual subscription to *The Jerusalem Post* on microfilm costs \$1,480 (about \$240). *The Jerusalem Post Archives*, headed by Alexander Zivli, can provide further information on all services available. Telephone (020) 528181, Ext. 225.

gher grants for enlarging flats

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Housing Ministry has announced that it will increase loans for enlarging flats in Project renewal areas by 50 per cent, next month.

Owners of flats of up to 30 square metres in development areas will be able for a loan of \$1,430,000, while in other areas the loan will be \$1,600,000. For flats over 40 sq.m. development areas the amount will be \$1.1 million, and in other areas \$1,860,000.

Jerusalem, which has lagged behind other renewal areas in flat renewals, owners will get a loan \$1m. for flats of all sizes.

The government renewal coordinator, Deputy Housing Minister she Katzav, regards enlargements as one of the main avenues to reviving the quality of life in renewal areas. Since the project was first started, about 3,000 flats have been expanded, about 3,000 during the past year.

PORTS CHAOS

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diverting ships to Eilat and Limassol — were only palliatives, saving perhaps 1 per cent of the exports. The only solution is to get the ports working again at full speed, he emphasized, and the government must see to it.

Today, the Ports Authority will again appeal to the Tel Aviv Labour court to declare the stevedores in violation of its order to return to normal work. It issued the order at the Authority's request a fortnight ago. The court may also be asked to fine their committees for contempt.

So far the stevedores have not felt the financial consequences of their strike. They are paid on the 15th of each month, and as they started the strike on November 27 they have lost only four days of premium pay in their last pay packet. Next month, however, their pay packet will be half its usual size.

If the Labour Court finds them in violation today, this will make it legally possible for the Authority to dock half their basic pay, in addition to the premium payments which they will not receive anyway.

Did Dulzin offer Katzav the aliya post?

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The office of Deputy Housing Minister Moshe Dulzin is promoting Katzav's bid for the position of chairman of the Jewish Agency aliya department, which fell vacant with the ouster of Herut loyalist Raphael Kotlowitz in October.

David Mena, an assistant to Katzav and a member of the Herut-Hatzoar executive, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that in a phone call last Friday evening, Jewish Agency Executive Chairman Arye Dulzin "offered Katzav the job." According to Mena, if Katzav agrees to take the chairmanship as well as responsibility for Jewish Agency involvement in Project Renewal, "it would be offered" to him by Herut.

Mena said the deputy minister promised to call Dulzin at the Regency Hotel in New York later this week (Dulzin is en route to the U.S. to attend agency meetings). Mena also claimed that a story about Katzav's candidacy that appeared in a morning paper yesterday was leaked by "Dulzin's office," which he later amended to the "alya department." Both of these Jewish Agency offices vigorously denied responsibility.

The Jewish Agency spokesman said he was not aware of any contact between Dulzin and Katzav, and that he could not confirm or deny the story before speaking to Dulzin, who was on his way from Paris to New York. He added that it is the prerogative of Herut-Hatzoar, and not of Dulzin, to announce candidates for the aliya department post. Candidates must first be approved by the Jewish Agency board of governors, which is controlled by Diaspora members and which ousted Kotlowitz on the grounds that he was "unfit" to serve in the post.

Elie Bergman, secretary-general of Herut-Hatzoar, said that if Dulzin indeed promised the chairmanship to Katzav, he had no authority to do so, since Dulzin, as a Liberal Party leader, does not represent Herut. Her movement, she said, has not yet decided when to vote on its candidate for the chairmanship of the aliya department. She added, however, that Katzav was a "good candidate."

Other Herut activists interested in the position are Moshe Shechter, head of the Israel Aliya Centre in New York; Shlomo Ariv, deputy chairman of the Jewish National Fund; and Haim Aharon, ambassador to Uruguay.

Katzav is currently the government coordinator in charge of Project Renewal in the Ministry of Construction and Housing, and is quite well known to the Diaspora fundraisers in the agency board of governors.

Mena maintained that Dulzin allegedly offered Katzav the dual post in the realization that the Diaspora board members would be less likely to veto Katzav than other proposed Herut candidates.

Katzav may be eager for the agency department chairmanship because he believes his boss, Deputy Prime Minister David Levy, will soon become foreign minister.

Day-old infant found in suitcase in market

NAZARETH (Itim). — A one-day-old infant was found inside a suitcase next to a vegetable stand at the marketplace here on Saturday, after customers heard cries coming from behind one of the stalls.

The searchers found the abandoned suitcase and thought at first that it contained a bomb, but when they opened it, the baby was discovered, wrapped in rags.

A team of doctors at the Anglican Hospital in Nazareth worked several hours to save the baby's life. Police, who learned of the incident only yesterday, are looking for the baby's mother.

Learn about mushrooms before you pick them

Jerusalem Post Reporter

People who gather the wild mushrooms that have sprung up in fields and forests after the recent rains should acquaint themselves well with the characteristics that distinguish poisonous mushrooms from those fit for consumption, a Jewish National Fund spokesman warned yesterday.

Only 60 out of Israel's 350 species of mushrooms are edible, and the remainder, despite their sometimes attractive colours and aromas, are poisonous, he said. Cooking will not reduce the harmful effects of a poisonous mushroom, and even edible wild mushrooms must be cooked before eating, he said.

Refusednik arrives after 12-year wait

Jerusalem Post Staff

Long-term Soviet refusednik Dr. Eitan Finkelstein arrived in Israel on Sunday night to an emotional welcome from former comrades.

Finkelstein, 38, who first applied to leave the Soviet Union in 1971, was accompanied by his wife Alexandra and his nine-year-old daughter Miriam.

Finkelstein, a physicist, said that he was too moved to speak Hebrew. "Give me a day or two and then I'll talk to you in Hebrew," he promised.

But he did answer questions in Russian. He attributed his being permitted to leave to the fact that this time he had applied through Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. "Maybe it helped," he quipped.

Among those meeting Finkelstein was Avital Shecharansky, who said the physicist had brought news of her husband Anatoly. She said she would disclose what Finkelstein told her at tomorrow's news conference on Russian Jewry, at Beit Agron, Jerusalem.

Graduates of leadership course make good

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Seven graduates of Haifa University's special courses for the advancement of political leadership in development towns in the North were elected mayors of their localities in the recent elections.

Another three graduates made the deputy mayor slot and four others were elected councilors, the university's spokeswoman announced yesterday.

The courses, aimed at fostering well-educated local leaderships, are run by the university's unit for bridging the cultural and social gap. The programme is run under the auspices of the Department for Sephardi Communities of the Jewish Agency.

2nd demolition order at Old City yeshiva

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A new demolition order was passed on the walls of the Birkat Avraham Yeshiva yesterday in the Moslem Quarter of Jerusalem's Old City.

A previous demolition order against an illegally-built room on top of the yeshiva was ruled invalid for technical reasons by the Jerusalem District Court on Sunday.

The *Jerusalem Post* has learned that there are apparently arguments inside the yeshiva about the "uncooperative" line taken with municipal authorities. Some students in the yeshiva apparently feel they erred in creating an image as rowdies who start brawls with their Arab neighbours.

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SAFAD (Itim). — Dozens of cattle have been destroyed by the Green Patrol and the veterinary services recently in the Arab village of Akbara near here. The authorities said they suspected the animals were diseased.

The cattle owners said they plan to sue the authorities for destroying the animals without justification.

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Nakasone may stay on despite election defeat

TOKYO (AP) — Conceding a stunning election setback for his party but not for his own political future, Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone yesterday pledged to continue governmental reform efforts and to maintain Japan's "voice, role and responsibility" in international affairs.

Despite the loss, the LDP is considered certain to keep its grip on power by the same method it employed after 1976 and 1979 election losses, inviting 11 winning independent lawmakers with conservative views to join its ranks. If nine agree, as party leaders predicted they would, it would give the LDP 259 seats, three more than required for control of key Diet (Parliament) committees.

Nakasone appeared at a news conference just hours after a national election in which his long-ruling Liberal Democratic Party, stung by opposition charges of political corruption, suffered the loss of its majority in the lower house.

Many analysts said it is clear that voters reacted to the recent conviction of former prime minister and LDP king-maker Kakuei Tanaka for accepting bribes in the Lockheed payoffs scandal of the early 1970s.

Tanaka's subsequent refusal to resign his Diet seat triggered an opposition rebellion that eventually forced Nakasone to dissolve the lower house and call the election six months ahead of schedule.

While Tanaka coasted to his biggest victory in 15 tries in his home district, final tabulations showed the LDP — which has ruled Japanese politics for 28 years — lost 35 of the 285 seats it had previously held. That left it with only 250 — six fewer than needed for absolute control in the 511-seat chamber.

The result far exceeded the most pessimistic LDP forecasts and raised immediate doubt as to whether Nakasone would be able to resist pressure from within the fractious party to quit the post he has held for 13 months.

Most pre-election analyses agreed that Nakasone needed at least 27 seats, enough for LDP chairmanships on all lower house committees, to cement his position in the party.

The final count showed the main opposition Japan Socialist Party gaining 11 seats to 112, and the centrist Komato (Clean Government) Party going from 34 to 58 seats. Among smaller opposition groups, the Japan Communist Party dropped from 29 to 26 seats.

Chinese film shows Mao as brilliant revolutionary

PEKING (AP) — China released an 80-minute colour documentary film yesterday on the life of the late Mao Tse-tung, portraying him as a brilliant visionary who propelled the Communists to power, although he made mistakes in his later years.

The film, *Mao Tse-tung* released exactly one week before celebrations marking Mao's 90th birthday anniversary Dec. 26, opens with the grand ceremony of the founding of the People's Republic of China on October 1, 1949, led by Mao standing atop Peking's central Tiananmen Square, "The Gate of Heavenly Peace."

The government said the film has been distributed nationwide, and Peking newspaper advertisements showed that five theatres in the capital would start screening the film today. The Foreign Ministry

showed a preview to foreign journalists yesterday afternoon.

Another film about Mao's early days as a guerrilla fighter in the 1930s, titled *Crossing the Purple River Four Times*, also opens today.

The Purple River is a tributary of the Yangtze River in southwest China, where Mao and his band of Communist insurgents battled and eluded Chiang Kai-shek's nationalists and fled north to Yenan, the celebrated 9,656 kilometre "long march" of 1934-5 to fight the Japanese invaders.

The film about Mao's life emphasizes that he was one of the founders of the Communist Party and the People's Liberation Army. It also focuses on his life as a peasant and student in his native Hunan Province, using photographs, old newsreels and paintings.

Chinese say cotton in the ear eases cramps

PEKING (Reuters) — Chinese doctors say they have found a remedy for menstrual pains and dizziness — they soak a piece of cotton in alcohol and put it in the patient's ear.

Three minutes later abdominal pains, headaches and dizziness disappear, doctors at Shanghai's Shuguang Hospital told the

magazine *Popular Medicine*, quoted in yesterday's *China Daily*.

The hospital has used the treatment since 1978 with remarkable success, the doctors said.

The cotton, soaked in medicinal alcohol, is slowly inserted deep into the ear, but not as far as the eardrum. It is left until it falls out a few hours later or removed the next day.

Almost half of Chinese women are illiterate

PEKING (Reuters) — Almost half of Chinese women are illiterate or semi-illiterate and nearly all aged 60 or above cannot read or write adequately, the National Census Office reported yesterday.

It said the illiteracy or semi-illiteracy rate among women is

45.27 per cent of the adult population, more than double the men's rate of 19.17 per cent.

Illiteracy is more than twice as widespread in the countryside, where 80 per cent of China's billion-strong population lives, than in towns and cities.

Five South Koreans held for spying on behalf of North

SEOUL (Reuters) — Five South Koreans have been arrested on charges of spying for North Korea and trying to topple the Seoul government, it was announced yesterday.

The Agency for National Security Planning said the five had passed information to the North on movements of politicians and military officers and exercises, facilities and other details of South Korean forces.

They were identified as businessmen Yoo Jae-Song and Kim Sang-Won, day-labourer Chung Yong, farmer Chung Jin-Yong and his wife Hwang Jong Lim.

Yoo was alleged to have travelled to the Communist North twice for

espionage training, and to have tried to recruit Southern politicians and military officers, including six unnamed retired generals, during the past 13 years.

He received about \$45,000 from Pyongyang to attempt to set up a political party aimed at fanning a violent uprising in the South, according to the Agency.

Kim was also accused of collecting information on U.S. and South Korean troops and on industrial installations.

The other three, residents of islands near the demilitarized zone dividing the Korean Peninsula, helped Northern agents infiltrate to the South by sea, the Agency said.



Former Japanese prime minister Kakuei Tanaka warms up at his home before going out to vote in the general election on Sunday. Tanaka, who was convicted in Japan's biggest postwar bribery scandal and sentenced to four years imprisonment and a \$2m. fine, won re-election. (UPI telephoto)

Post-blast Kuwait imposes travel ban on foreigners

KUWAIT (AP) — Security authorities yesterday imposed strict travel restrictions on non-Kuwaitis, while preparations were under way to put on trial 10 suspects involved in last week's bombing of the U.S. and French Embassies and other targets across the state.

Interior Ministry officials said that no visas or visit permits will be issued to individuals or families of Arab and non-Arab countries.

The allusion to families meant kin of expatriate workers living here.

The same officials said the travel ban would remain in effect for an indefinite duration, but informed sources speculated that it would be lifted when the trial is over.

"High-ranking individuals and other persons known to local authorities will be exempted from the travel restrictions," said one official.

He said that the trial will be "quick... it won't last long," confirming that the prosecutor-general is to demand the death penalty for all defendants.

In all, 12 persons were involved in the blasts, which claimed four lives and left 61 injured. One of the 12, said to be the driver of the dump truck that blasted the U.S. Embassy, was reported killed. Another alleged saboteur is at large, and a dragnet is out for him, the official said. (Interest rates — page 7)

Severed ear 'almost surely' that of jewelry firm heir

ROME (AP) — Three forensic experts said yesterday that a severed ear sent by kidnappers "almost certainly" belongs to a 16-year-old Bulgari jewelry store heir, the Italian news agency ANSA reported.

The three-man team from the Institute of Legal Medicine, headed by Dr. Angelini Rota, said in a statement that the ear found in a trash can on Sunday night "almost certainly" was cut from Giorgio Calisani on a scalpel or a razor, ANSA said.

The team added that the ear was cut off in a "rough manner" the

news agency said.

The kidnappers of Giorgio and his mother, Anna Bulgari Calisani, left the ear, a photo of the two kidnap victims and two letters in trash cans in central Rome over the weekend.

The ear was discovered on Sunday morning after an anonymous caller gave the family directions.

Interior Minister Oscar Luigi Scalfaro, in charge of Italy's police forces, held an all-night meeting with top police and government officials to discuss the case, sources said.

Mondale adds to lead over Glenn, poll says

NEW YORK (Reuters) — Walter Mondale has significantly boosted his lead in the race for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination to 16 per cent over John Glenn, according to a poll published yesterday by *Time* magazine.

The telephone poll of 1,000 registered voters, conducted early this month by Yankelovich, Skelly

and White, Inc., showed Mondale leading the Ohio senator by 34 per cent to 18 per cent among Democrats and independent voters.

Among Democrats alone, the former vice-president held a lead of 39 per cent to 16 per cent for Glenn.

In September, Mondale held a narrow 28 per cent to 26 per cent edge over Glenn, the magazine said.

'Business as usual' at Harrods after blast

LONDON (Reuters) — Discreet and dignified defiance was the tone for business as usual at Harrods department store yesterday following Saturday's car bomb attack that killed five people.

A salesgirl told Reuters: "Frightened? What a silly question." As workmen brushed up carpets of silvered glass behind high plastic awnings in the street, Harrods hummed as usual with discreet browsing of well-heeled shoppers and an air of cool defiance.

The store seemed to take the Irish terrorist car bomb blast in neighbouring Hans Crescent very nearly in its stride, and so did the shoppers, some of whom were queuing when the store opened.

"Harrods is the safest place in London today — lightning doesn't strike twice," said Ann Edwards, escorting her two children for Christmas shopping. Parisian Eric Lapin said: "Nobody's going to stop me buying my Christmas pudding."

The domed, beflagged department store on London's Knightsbridge shopping street, which prides itself on being Queen Elizabeth's "corner shop," flew the Union Jack defiantly at full mast.

Harrods, called "the top people's store," has always known its image as the store of Britain's ruling establishment made it a prime symbolic target for Irish terrorists.

But the scars of the bomb blast were still clearly visible. Not a single window had a pane of glass on the upper floors along the side street where the car bomb exploded.

Parts of the street remained cordoned off as police forensic scientists examined the wreckage of the

Angola says many die in S. African bombing raid

LISBON (AP) — The Angolan Defence Ministry said yesterday that South African aircraft killed "dozens of civilians" and destroyed a hospital and a school in an eight-hour bombing raid Sunday against an Angolan town.

In a statement carried by the official Angolan news agency Angop and monitored here, the ministry said South African Mirage and Buccaneer aircraft began bombing the town of Caluando in the southern province of Kuando-Kubango 150 kilometres north of the South African border on Sunday morning.

The Defence Ministry said South African Mirage aircraft attacked Angolan military positions near the town of Mulundo in the southern province of Huila Saturday, "killing several people" and destroying military equipment.

The statement repeated earlier charges that South African armed forces regularly launch attacks up to 300 kilometres inside Angolan territory.

Greek Cypriots accuse Turks of killing soldier

NICOSIA (AP) — The Cypriot government spokesman yesterday accused the Turkish side of shooting dead a Greek Cypriot soldier "in cold blood" the previous day.

Spokesman Andreas Christofides said at his daily press briefing that President Spyros Kyprianou will be sending "a protest" to UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

He was referring to an incident Sunday when Tryfonos, 18, a Greek Cypriot conscript on guard duty along the "green line" in Nicosia, was fatally wounded by a shot.

A statement by the UN Peace Force in Cyprus issued yesterday said it is investigating the incident. "Both sides are cooperating with UNFICYP in the investigation and in keeping the situation calm," the statement added.

The UN force patrols the line that divides the government-controlled south from the Turkish-occupied northern part of the island.

Newsweek: Andropov has only 18 months

NEW YORK (AP) — Soviet President Yuri Andropov, 69, is suffering from a degenerative kidney ailment and, according to information provided by an unnamed Soviet medical source, has a life expectancy of from 18 months to two years, *Newsweek* magazine reported on Sunday.

The Soviet leader, whose absences from public functions in recent months have prompted speculation about the state of his health, has been undergoing kidney treatment at a special sanatorium for members of the Communist Party Central Committee on the outskirts of Moscow, the magazine reported.

EEC ministers haggle at final session of bad year

BRUSSELS (Reuters) — European Community foreign ministers opened their last session in a year marked by financial troubles with a budget row at the centre of yesterday's discussions.

Diplomats said the ministers were due to discuss control of the group's dwindling cash resources after a budget vote last week in the European Parliament went counter to the wishes of the 10 governments.

The assembly's most controversial decision was to freeze a \$640 million budget rebate to Britain as an expression of dismay at the collapse of efforts to reform the community at the Athens summit earlier this month.

Britain protested that the action was discriminatory and is

demanding that the cash be paid by the end of March.

Diplomats said the 10 governments were divided over reaction to the assembly vote though they all believe it had exceeded its powers.

The ministers were also due to discuss the status of Greenland, a Danish territory that has opted out of the Common Market.

Diplomats said Denmark was pressing for agreement at yesterday's session to contain a rising tide of resentment on the strategic island coast after more than two years of negotiations.

They said accord may be held up by West Germany which has important fishing interests in Greenland waters and was demanding a larger catch than appears acceptable to the Danes.

Sports

Rams bull through at last gasp

NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Sanford's field goal with just two seconds left gave the Los Angeles Rams a 26-24 victory over the New Orleans Saints to hoist the Rams into the National Football League playoffs and destroy the Saints' hopes of postseason action.

The Seattle Seahawks in their eighth year in the league, clinched a spot by beating the New England Patriots 24-6.

The conclusion of the Rams victory and Chicago's 13-2 win over the Green Bay Packers on Rob Thomas' last-minute field goal closed out the National conference playoff lineup, giving both the San Francisco 49ers and the Detroit Lions berth along with the Rams, the Dallas Cowboys and Washington Redskins. The Lions later topped Tampa Bay 23-20, to take the NC Central title outright.

Seattle gained the last remaining spot in the AFC to join the Pittsburgh Steelers, Miami Dolphins, Los Angeles Raiders and Denver Broncos.

Y-chained division title: X-chained playoff spot Sunday's games: Kansas City 48, Denver 17; Chicago 23, Green Bay 21; L. Rams 26, New Orleans 24; St. Louis 31, Philadelphia 7; Cleveland 36, Pittsburgh 17; Atlanta 31, Buffalo 14; Baltimore 20, Houston 10; L. Raiders 30, San Diego 14; Seattle 24, New England 20; Detroit 23, Tampa Bay 20.

Mums run for glory in Galilee

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV — It will be "mother's day" tomorrow at the seventh annual Sea of Galilee International Marathon, with leading chaperones Zehava Shmueli and Ann Kirkham each having two children and Rosa Saydon, three.

English athlete Kirkham's four and seven-year-old daughters will be looked after at Ein Gev while she and her husband Colin Kirkham — winner of the 1981 Kinneret run — participate in the punishing 42.195-km race from the Kibbutz to

Tiberias and then back to Ein Gev. A top-class sprinter in her early days, Ann, 35, turned to road racing after the birth of her children. In five marathons to date, her best effort was 2:59 last year.

While Tel Avivian Shmueli, 28, has been training marathons since 1977, for Saydon, 32, tomorrow will mark only her second track at the distance since taking up competitive athletics with great success two years ago.

Favourite among the expected 35 women starters is France's Chantal Laugel, 28, a veteran of 50 marathons with a best time of 2:35.15. The current Galilee race record for women is 2:46.15.

Lakers thrive on unlikely sub

NEW YORK (AP) — In Calvin Garrett, the Los Angeles Lakers have found an unlikely solution to the void created by the loss of Earvin "Magic" Johnson.

The Lakers split their first six games after Johnson was sidelined with a dislocated finger and fell into second place behind the Portland Trail Blazers in the Pacific Division of the National Basketball Association.

Garrett, who played in the Con-

tinental Basketball Association last season after being dropped by Houston, struck true with all of his last seven shots, four of them during a fourth-quarter rally, to help the Lakers down Portland 122-115 in Sunday night action. The victory snapped the Trail Blazers' five-game winning streak and put the Lakers back in the Division lead.

In Italy, both Maccabi Tel Aviv's rivals in the European Cup finals, Cuneo and Roma, had convincing league victories. Cuneo was well away 99-93 in Naples, while Roma chopped Bergamo down to size 90-71.

Cuneo of Venice has Maccabi Ramat Gan face in the Kone Cup last to Ulfes 87-85.

SCOREBOARD

SOCCER: Holland beat Malta 5-0 in a European championship match and now await the outcome of the Spain v Malta tie in the week to see whether they or the Spaniards go through to next year's finals.

English Division One — Luton 2 West Brom 0; Sunderland 1 Leicester 1.

CRICKET: A build third-wicket partnership of 171 between Smith and Ray 73 failed to save Tasmania from a narrow defeat by Pakistan in Hobart. Pakistan 354-6 dec. and 272-6 dec.; Tasmania 235 and 349 Pakistan won by 42 runs.

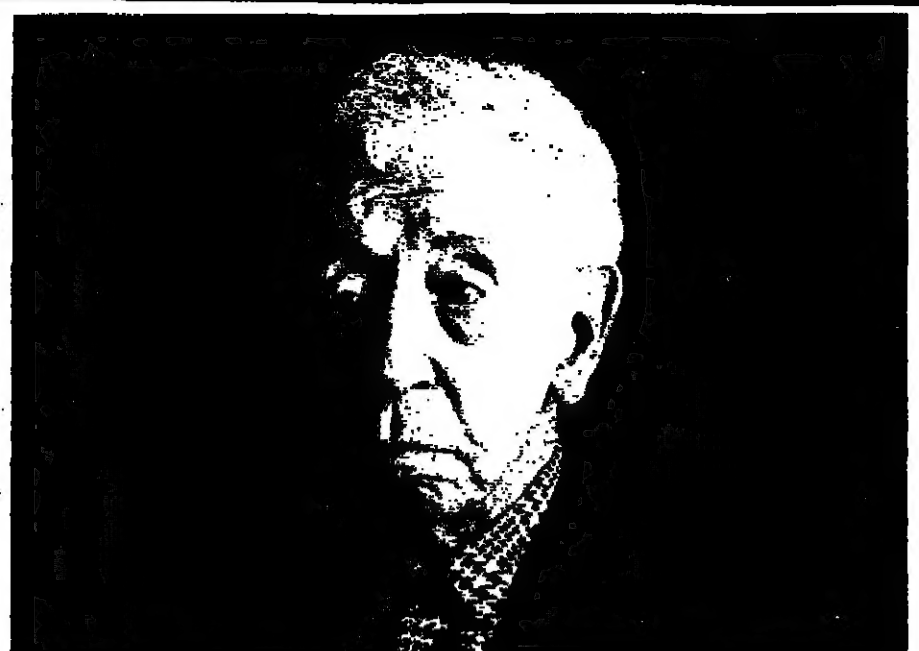
Set Lanka best Zambabwe by 24 runs in their third and final one day Test in Colombo. Sri Lanka 143-8, Zambabwe 112. The first two games were rain out.

GOLF: Johnny Miller converted three clutch

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REMEMBERING RUBINSTEIN

By YOHANAN BOEHM / Post Music Editor

EAR ago tomorrow Arthur Rubinstein surprised us by showing that he mortal after all, dying shortly after his 96th birthday. His life one of staggering artistic achievement, and he was known throughout the world. Thanks to his performances, a rich inheritance — all the Chopin, much Liszt, Schumann, Brahms, and other music, red again and again, almost every day. Kol Yisrael decries some Rubinstein record, spring the Fourth International Master Competition named in his honor, which was held in Tel Aviv and

attracted exciting young talents. The next competition, in 1986, will coincide with the hundredth anniversary of his birth. To keep alive the memory of the master is the task the Arthur Rubinstein International Music Society has taken upon itself. In addition to the piano competition, the society intends to organize summer courses and master classes, to hold seminars and symposia, to grant scholarships and collect documents pertaining to his life, art and work, so that a central archive may eventually be established. A world-wide series of concerts performed by prominent pianists — "Hommage à

Rubinstein" — has already been initiated. During the fourth competition, Maurizio Pollini flew in for a few hours to give a recital as a tribute to his veteran colleague and friend. Earlier this month another memorial concert was held, this time at New York's Carnegie Hall, where Lennie Bernstein conducted the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, and Jeffrey Kahane, the winner of the fourth master competition, was the soloist. A similarly outstanding event

took place in Paris on December 18, with Zubin Mehta conducting the Orchestre de Paris and Daniel Barenboim as the soloist. Tomorrow, a more modest tribute will be paid at a memorial concert at the Jerusalem Theatre at 5 p.m., when the Tel Aviv Quartet will play the Schumann Piano Quintet (with Prina Saltzman) and the Schubert String Quintet in C (with Marcel Bergman as the additional cellist). The concert will be held under the auspices of the Mayor of Jerusalem, Teddy Kolek,

and in the presence of President Chaim Herzog. A memorial ceremony attended by members of the family will be held in the Arthur Rubinstein Forest before the concert begins. The driving spirit behind these activities is Ja'acov Bistrizki. The original request of the maestro was that any activity connected with his name should not be financed out of public (i.e. government) funds, and for this purpose he authorized the use of three drawings Picasso made of him for the minting of 1,000 gold

medallions. The Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation somehow got out of this gentleman's agreement and subsequently minted additional medals for sale on the free market. The matter has not been settled yet, and high government officials have promised their intervention to achieve an agreement that would fulfill the master's expectations and guarantee sufficient funds for the society to pursue its goals. Pollini's recital and the box office takings during the last competition were sufficient to cover expenses and even to pay other debts. No government money was involved in

underwriting any of these activities; Bistrizki, who wants things to continue this way, hopes that the affair with the corporation will soon be satisfactorily settled. Further plans include the holding of triennial competitions for violin (named after Bronislaw Huberman) and for conductors (named after Arturo Toscanini), so that one master competition will be held each year, all linked with the memory of Arthur Rubinstein. Rubinstein always had a special love for Jerusalem, and it is only fitting that Jerusalem should commemorate the anniversaries of this celebrated musician's life.

AD DE ROTHSCHILD, Lord of Mishcon, Soviet Jewry, June Jacobs and a few dozen from 20 countries came to Rosh Ha'ayin the other. They weren't just passing through; the Yemenite town isn't on the main road to anywhere. The visitors were members of the national Council of Beth Hatefutsoth, the Diaspora Museum at Tel Aviv. They had gathered for second annual meeting to discuss the educational needs of their communities, their relationship to the museum, and the museum's role in the future. They took a break from their duties of conference-room discussion and hotel dinners, and, with Israeli escorts, ventured out into the twilight. Even most Israelis on board had never to Rosh Ha'ayin before. A visit was planned to coincide with the opening of a travelling exhibition assembled by the museum:

photographs of the Jews of Sana'a taken by Hermann Burchardt and Carl Rathjens between 1901 and 1938. So World Jewry met Rosh Ha'ayin for dinner, for a brief look at the exhibit, and an artistic programme. It's hard to say there was much direct communication aside from smiles. But the speeches, almost as numerous as the repertoire of Yemenite breads, were translated by Ella Bar-Ilan, of the museum staff; the two populations laughed in shifts. Dinner was in Beit Na'amat, where the women of Rosh Ha'ayin had spent the whole day cooking, baking and setting up. As the guests arrived, they scurried around, setting additional places and replenishing salads, or leaning against the wall in tired satisfaction at the sight of so many mouths being filled. Some of the Western guests made doubtful noises about the weight of

Yemenite encounters

By MARSHA POMERANTZ / Jerusalem Post Reporter

the semi-sweet and oily breads, but demolished them — at first with fork and knife, then with hands — efficiently enough to advance to the *saffranot* and tea. PERHAPS the most significant speech was one by Yigal Yosef, the newly elected head of the Rosh Ha'ayin local council. His remarks were probably directed more to his own community than to the visitors. He reminded everyone that the town had been settled by the magic-carpet immigrants of 1949, and that their children had gone astray, losing contact with their traditions and imitating Western ways. Now they

were interested again in their own sources, and, he believed, would manage to "preserve tradition alongside technology." He himself embodied the changing of the guard: young, mild-mannered but self-assured, articulate, well-dressed and wearing a knitted *kippa*. Yosef was delighted to have the Sana'a exhibit in Rosh Ha'ayin, and determined that it would stay there, where it belonged. Everyone else was, of course, invited to visit. But some of the speakers begged to differ. When the meeting adjourned to the Labour Council Hall, Beth Hatefutsoth director

Yeshayahu Weinberg reminded everyone that Rosh Ha'ayin was one stop on the exhibit's tour. It was important for the rest of the country to know the heritage of Sana'a and for Rosh Ha'ayin to get exhibits on the Jews of Libya and Poland, for instance. None of the local residents looked too enthusiastic at the prospect. THE EXHIBIT offers a striking view of the Jews of Yemen as craftsmen, teachers and students, merchants. The residents of Rosh Ha'ayin were struck by something more specific: they could name some of the people and the

neighbourhoods in the photos. The guests, seated in the front half of the auditorium, and the local residents, seated in the back half, heard Dr. Avner Bahat, the musicologist of Beth Hatefutsoth, present the programme of music and dance, most of it performed by groups from Kiryat Ono. Among the participants were three little boys with paste-on *payot*, students of Menahem Arussi. With their teacher they also put on a little tableau of studies in the traditional Yemenite *hader*: the teacher coaxing the first lines of Genesis out of his students with a small whip and frequent pulls of the ear. Bahat stressed that the singing and dances had been taken out of context, which, of course, "should never be done" — but there was no other way to see them. In fact, they didn't seem all that far from their context; they elicited ululations, clapping and comments from the back of the hall, occupied mostly by

women in kerchiefs. And there was the usual chit-chat between acts, or when speeches got too long. A young girl with olive skin and mysteriously blonde hair asked me to look over Yigal Yosef and tell her what I thought. "He's my cousin," she gloated. "It's not for nothing that Yemenites have big ears," someone joked after the *hader* scene on stage. Mixed with the amusement was some dissatisfaction: "Why did they bring in performers from Kiryat Ono when there's so much talent in Rosh Ha'ayin?" Whatever the complaints, the evening proved a break in what labour council secretary (Naftali Sa'adi) described as Rosh Ha'ayin's pattern of "keeping to itself." So Rosh Ha'ayin was put on the map, but I'm not so sure about the museum. Filing out of the Labour Council Hall, one local girl turned to her friend: "Where's Beth Hatefutsoth, anyway?" she asked.

ISRAEL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA — Markis conducting, with Emanuel Waks, piano (Tel Aviv, Museum, Dec. 11). Concerts: Concerto for Piano and Orchestra, No. 2; Faure: Ballade for piano and orchestra; Prokofiev: Concerto for Piano and Orchestra, No. 3; Tchaikovsky: Serenade for Strings; 1st Symphony No. 3 in E-flat Major.

Tchaikovsky serenade was appreciated and the accompaniments of the two solo compositions were also well done. But none of this seems enough to formulate a more substantial opinion about this conductor. Markis should be given another opportunity to show his mettle.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

SKOWSKY'S choice of Faure's *Le Chant de Pygmalion* as works with orchestra seems to be a dilemma. On the one hand, it is more than desirable to have an endless replaying of all the epics. On the other hand, it is the less known, "discovered" or rarely performed works have little substance. Faure work, composed in 1880, reveals some complex, almost esoteric harmonies, but has little to say besides. A promiscuous loses itself completely. Skowsky's concertino (1937), written in a dry neo-classical style reminiscent of Stravinsky, says even it contains a surplus of notes obstinately indulges in pointless ostentatiousness. Faults whatsoever could be found in Skowsky's performance: he demonstrated a nicely varied melodic line played in a cantabile in the Faure and a rhythmic technique, both choral and runs, in the Skowsky. However, could not ignore the feeling that soloist was far from exploiting potential, and that he really "ved much better music." In concert introduced a new work to our concert stage: conductor Lev Markis. Regrettably, this prolonged this concert by less adding the Tchaikovsky side. Having had to leave the Mozart symphony — the really testable piece on the programme — I felt I should refrain from paying Markis any compliments. (The Corelli did not show particularly interesting results.) However, the complete absence of sentimentality in the

HAIFA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA — Herbert Beissel (Germany) conducting, with Malcolm Messiter, oboe (Haifa, Auditorium, December 11). Weber: "Ahu Hana"; Overture; Vaughan Williams: Concerto for Oboe and String Orchestra; Puccini: Concerto for Oboe and Orchestra "La Favorita"; Schumann: Symphony No. 3 in E-flat Major ("Rhenish"). IT WAS THE appearance of Malcolm Messiter that made this special concert of the HSO really special. His playing is a combination of phenomenal technical adroitness with musicality and involvement. The performance of the Vaughan Williams oboe concerto was most enjoyable, matching the full flavour of the music. Messiter brought some seldom heard oboe music to the concert platform: "La Favorita," a short concerto by the Italian composer and oboe virtuoso Antonio Pasquelli (1842-1924). This technically and stylistically demanding piece enabled the soloist to display the full acrobatic range of his abilities. There were long passages, fast and technically demanding, necessitating breathing through the nose while continuing to play the instrument, using the small amount of air stored in the cheeks. The fast variations and cadenzas of the work require the oboe to play both theme and accompaniment at the same time. Although Messiter played only one note at a time, his incredible speed created the illusion of simultaneity. As an encore, he repeated the last cadenzas of the work — winning a well-deserved ovation from the audience. Conductor Herbert Beissel and

Programme dilemma

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the orchestra provided a careful and efficient accompaniment. The final "Rhenish" was appropriate in style, but not always musically absorbing.

ESTHER REUTER

ISRAEL SINFONETTA, Beersheba — Nissan Bechar, conductor; Marcel Bregman, cello; Sarah Fuxon, piano; and Eliahu Shulman, violin (Beersheba, Conservatory, December 14). Tchaikovsky: Variations on a Russian Theme for cello, op. 33; Schumann: Introduction and Allegro in G, op. 92, for piano and orchestra; Bruch: Violin Concerto No. 1 in G, op. 26. IT WAS A daunting prospect to travel to Beersheba to hear three second-rate works conducted by a novice conductor with three soloists who are not famous names. But the uniform excellence of the soloists made the trip well worthwhile. Tchaikovsky's dreary *Variations*, in reality a mini-concerto, always seems far longer than its 17 minutes. Even a Rostropovich could not make the work interesting. Yet Marcel Bregman's intense, dedicated performance made the work sound better than it is. Despite a plodding accompaniment, Bregman held the audience's attention throughout, and fully earned its admiration. The Schumann *Introduction and Allegro*, another mini-concerto, is one of the composer's less interesting works. Sarah Fuxon made the most of the few opportunities for virtuoso display, though she, too, was handicapped by pedestrian accompaniment. Fuxon's romantic temperament was perfect for Schumann, though it occasionally seemed to put her at odds with the conductor. THE HIGHLIGHT of the evening was Eliahu Shulman's performance of the Bruch *First Violin Concerto*. Though this concerto is often per-

formed and recorded, it lacks consistent inspiration to rank with the very greatest concerti. In Shulman's mesmerizing performance, perfectly judged, it seemed the equal of Brahms and Beethoven. Seldom has this work's undeniable beauty glowed so brightly, incandescent with Shulman's rich tone. The accompaniment was suitably discreet, yet one can hardly recall it, so transfixed were the listeners by Shulman's playing. We can only hope that this violinist's mastery will soon be put to the service of more important works. It is difficult to form an opinion of the talents of the young, American-trained conductor Nissim Bechar. The Sinfonietta is to be commended for giving Bechar the opportunity to conduct, but the artist would have

been better served had he been allowed to conduct one or two solely orchestral works.

MOSHE SAPERSTEIN

IN MEMORIAM: FRANK PELLEG — Avner Vardi presents personal recollections and plays music by Bach, Beethoven, and Debussy (YMCA Auditorium, Jerusalem, December 15).

FRANK PELLEG was a most outstanding musician and a brilliant pianist. The 15th anniversary of his death was marked in a modest programme presented by Avner Vardi, who had studied with Pelleg and had always admired his many talents and sparkling personality. Vardi linked his presentations at the piano with personal recollections of Pelleg's role as teacher, accompanist, composer. (He was also a brilliant lecturer on musical subjects.) Pelleg's deep love for J.S. Bach was recalled in some pieces from the *Little Preludes* and the *Book of*

Anna Magdalena Bach, as well as from the *Goldberg Variations* — Pelleg's *piece de resistance*. His 1965 recording of two *Variations* was broadcast from the studio. Vardi's links were clever indeed and the evening included the premiere of Zvi Avni's *On the Verge of Time*, composed mainly of chords in dynamic shades, intertwined with short recitative-like single-voiced motifs, leading again to clusters. Avni can always be counted on to write professionally and sincerely. Debussy's *Children's Corner* closed the programme, which demonstrated Vardi's pianistic and musical versatility at its best.

SOLARE String Quartet — Yair Klein, Violin; Goren, Violins; Gad Lerneroff, Viola; Uri Vardi, Cello (Israel Museum, December 18). AR Beethoven: Quartet, opus 18, No. 4; Quartet opus 59, Quartet, opus 59, No. 1.

STRING QUARTETS usually call themselves after composers, place names or musical periods. This ensemble's name is a combination of the three strings common to all their instruments — "sol-la-re" in

Italian, "G-A-D" in other languages. It is good to have a new string quartet appearing on our stages, particularly when the two existing ones have been rather quiet lately. After three years of rehearsing, the Solare Quartet chose Jerusalem for its first appearance. It could not have chosen a better venue or more suitable programme. Its leader is an outstanding teacher, two other members also belong to the Israel Chamber Orchestra and the fourth to the Israel Philharmonic. They have already achieved a remarkable blend of voices and singleness of purpose, which augurs well. They played three Beethoven quartets reflecting different periods in the composer's life, and their presentations were all thoroughly and carefully worked out without losing smooth continuity. Sometimes one wanted a bit more warmth of tone or more outgoing temperament, but this may come with time when the group gains confidence and the sureness in teamwork that marks outstanding chamber music groups. YOHANAN BOEHM

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Visiting high U.S. official: 'U.S.-Israel free trade zone only a matter of time'

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The establishment of a "free trade area" between Israel and the U.S. is only a matter of time. This was stated yesterday by W. Allen Wallis, Undersecretary for Economic Affairs in the Department of State.

Wallis arrived earlier this week from Cairo (this is his first visit to this country) as part of a world tour for the American government, which included visits to Manila, New Delhi and Brussels. The guest, who was addressing the Israel-American Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said that he had met with Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad on Sunday, "but our talk was in general terms."

Although Wallis was optimistic about setting up the free trade area, he was less hopeful that this would be done in the near future. "However, actual talks are beginning in Washington on January 17, 1984, with William Brock, Special Trade Representative, leading the American team. 'Problems will undoubtedly arise, but they will be solved.'"

Wallis spoke in fairly glowing terms about the advantages of letting the "market place," rather than governments run economic affairs.

"If there is one economic area where governments do excel, however, it is in causing inflation," he noted wryly.

He pointed out that the mainland Chinese economy, which was government-run, was facing serious problems. "Yet the free economy in Hongkong is flourishing."

Or take India. "The directed economy there is faltering. An Indian businessman can do little at home; yet when he goes to Africa, where he can use his talents, he succeeds tremendously. He is the same man; the conditions are just different."

Wallis thought that many of the problems of the Common Market were due to the lack of a free market, especially in agricultural products.

As for Japan, which was always held up as the epitome of a successful government-directed economy, he noted that the government officials had told Sony to stick with vacuum tubes and not go over to transistors — which were just a passing fad. "And they also tried to prevent Honda from exporting."

If there was any encouraging news from his visits to India and Egypt, he said, it was that both governments were moving towards liberalization.

Industry needs mobile work force, engineers are told

By LIORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Ra'anan Weitz, head of the Rehovot Rural Settlement Centre, said yesterday that "the link between geographical and occupational mobility is at the root of what is negative in society today."

He was addressing the Sixth World Congress of Engineers and Architects at the Hilton Hotel here. About 400 participants from Israel and 20 countries have come.

Asking whether growth without migration is possible, Weitz said that times have changed and that it is not desirable for developing countries simply "to copy blindly" the past patterns of industrialization. What is the answer for today? Perhaps, Weitz suggested, one way is to separate geography from occupational mobility. Thus, an enterprise could be brought to an already-existing area, as has been done with the kibbutz.

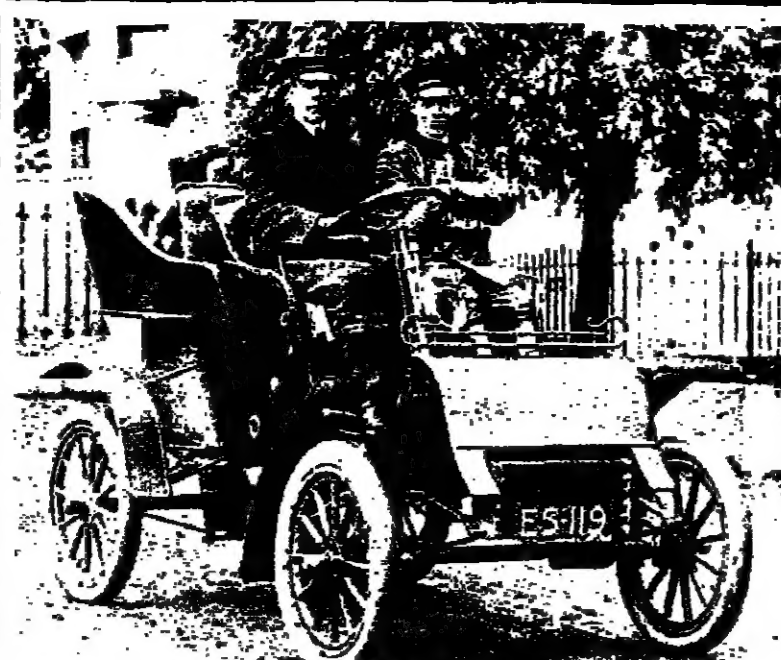
Industry Minister Gideon Patt, also addressing the opening session of the five-day conference, said that by 1986-87, Israel will need 8,000 more engineers and more than 12,000

technicians for the sophisticated industries it wants to set up. Today there are 1,100 projects in research and development funded to the tune of 2.5 per cent of the Gross National Product.

However, as Prof. Joe Gale, director of the Jacob Blaustein Research Institute at Sde Boker later pointed out, it is unfortunate that the various government ministries are not better coordinated. Thus, while Patt needs 20,000 more skilled persons soon, the government has just decided to cut university subsidies, making this dream difficult to realize.

British inflation slows to 4.8 per cent

LONDON (Reuters). — Britain's annual inflation rate slowed to 4.8 per cent in November from five per cent the previous month, the government has announced. This means that for 1983 prices have risen more slowly than at any time since 1969, a government source said.



The world's oldest surviving Ford car, a 1903 Model A Detachable Tonneau, recently completed with ease the 91 kilometre drive from London to Brighton in the world-famous Brighton Veteran Car run. The event was watched by well over a million spectators. It is held every year to commemorate the passing in 1896 of the law freeing motorists from the necessity of having a man walking in front of their car and raising the open-road speed limit to 19km. per hour.

The Ford Motor Company is now celebrating the 80th anniversary of the sale of its first car in England, just a few weeks after Henry Ford founded his company in Detroit in June 1903. European sales of Ford products have grown from just 12 in that year to over 1.4 million.

Bond drive nets over \$20m.

Operation Maccabee '83, in which 35 local business leaders and senior Israel Defence Forces officers participated during the week of Hanukkah, successfully met all its goals, Yehuda Halevy, president of the Israel Bond Organization, said yesterday.

He reported that \$20.3 million in payments and pledges for Israel Bonds and other securities were secured by Maccabee '83 teams, which consisted of local lay leaders who were joined by the Israelis in visits to 116 U.S. and Canadian

Jewish communities. The Israeli business contingent included North Americans who had immigrated to Israel and are now successful in their various fields, as well as Israeli-born business leaders. Some of the Israeli business leaders who had taken part in the earlier Operation Enterprise noted a much more positive atmosphere during their visits with non-Jewish business leaders as a result of the recent meetings between President Reagan and Prime Minister Shamir in Washington.

Rumania plans for economic growth

VIENNA (Reuters). — Communist Rumania has unveiled an ambitious economic plan for 1984, envisaging rapid growth of its flagging economy, a large expansion of overseas trade and near self-sufficiency in primary energy. The plan was presented to the Rumanian National Assembly by state planning committee chairman Stefan Birlea, the official Agencepres news agency reported from Bucharest.

Birlea said national income was set to grow by 7.3 per cent in 1984, compared with a five per cent projection for 1983, and industrial output should rise by 6.7 per cent, against a 6.6 per cent target this year.

Foreign trade was also set to expand by 13.8 per cent, against a 13.5 per cent 1983 target, Birlea said, with growth in volume both from

communist and non-communist trade partners.

But Western economists said the plan seemed over-ambitious in the light of setbacks this year due to energy shortages and a heavy burden of debt to western creditors estimated by bankers at around \$10 billion.

Last month Rumanian leaders called for much stricter economic policies and sharply higher labour productivity, while the government ordered the public to halve their electricity consumption immediately.

President Nicolae Ceausescu told a "top-level" Communist Party meeting in November that an effort would be made to repay 25 per cent of the country's foreign debt next year, but no details of how this was to be done were publicized.

Hellenic Lines of Greece faces shaky future

NEW YORK (AP). — Shipping sources expressed doubt yesterday whether Hellenic Lines, the biggest Greek liner shipping company, will be able to survive unless the Greek government steps in to help the financially ailing company.

Hellenic filed for protection from its creditors in a U.S. Federal court in New York Tuesday under chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Law. A company spokesman said the company is doing business as usual in Greece, however.

Creditors have seized 17 of Hellenic's 30 ships around the world, since the company defaulted on a \$2.4 million interest payment last month on its \$80m. short-term debt.

The legal move in the U.S. prevents creditors from seizing any more ships, but a spokesman for

Morgan Guaranty Trust, a major New York bank that is one of Hellenic's biggest creditors, said the bank does not intend to release the ships already seized. "We don't see how it will stop foreign creditors," he added. Five ships have been seized by law officials in the U.S., and another 12 have been arrested in Middle Eastern and Mediterranean ports.

The company said it is planning to reorganize and streamline its operations so as to resume operations soon. A Hellenic spokesman said the Greek government has been approached for help.

"This kind of company just doesn't go under," he said. "Hellenic is too important to Greece. It's a major foreign exchange earner and it's important to the country's

prestige." In its court petition, Hellenic listed assets of \$137m. and liabilities of \$215m. It said it expects to be operating losses of \$35m. this year. However, the company said it has no intention of laying off employees at this time.

The company blames its financial problems on price cutting by competing shipping companies as a result of overcapacity in the world shipping industry, which is currently in a severe depression.

The Wall Street Journal said Hellenic also may have been hit by a bitter feud between Greek Callimachopoulos (son of Hellenic founder) and Hellenic's minor shareholders, who are his mother and three sisters, for control of the company.

Gyroscope factory opens in Jerusalem

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

If Israel's 300,000 industrial workers would increase their productivity by about 50 per cent, exports would grow phenomenally, Deputy-Finance Minister Haim Kaufman said yesterday. He spoke at the dedication of the city's newest high-technology plant, Condor Pacific, manufacturer of gyroscopes.

According to Kaufman, Israeli industrial workers turn out, on the average, \$20,000 worth of goods per year. If their output — known to be substantially lower than that of their European counterparts — would rise to \$30,000 annually, an additional \$3 billion in goods could

easily be added to the country's overseas sales.

But since this was too much to expect, he added, Israel must concentrate not upon labour-intensive industries (where increased productivity would boost sales) but on science-based and high-technology industries, where the labour component is less important.

"We do not need mass production facilities in this country," he said. "The 22,000-employee Israel Aircraft Industries represents the maximum size of business venture we can maintain. Mass production industries are too vulnerable to economic crises."

Sid Meltzer, president of Condor Pacific, told The Jerusalem Post

that the Jerusalem plant — at Hahotzvim industrial park on I Ramot Road — will manufacture the same gyroscope equipment made at the company's headquarters in Canoga Park, California. Whereas the American plant's output is sold mainly in North America, the Israeli products will, he hopes, find their way into the European market.

Condor Pacific's gyroscopes are used as navigational aids in missiles and aircraft, and as stabilizers in tanks. Only 10 product workers are employed at the facility in Jerusalem, but the number could double if sales increase. The main plant employs workers.

Zim, seamen's unions discuss 200 job cuts

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Zim company has opened negotiations with the two seamen's unions on the elimination of 200 jobs. Zim is selling old freighters and replacing them with modern ships that use smaller crews. At least three freighters more than 20 years old are to be sold shortly.

The Jerusalem Post learned that for the time being, Zim has no intention of laying off seamen with tenure and most of those to be laid off are non-ratings rather than officers.

It was learned that the negotiations are being held in a cordial atmosphere. Meanwhile, the seamen's labour exchange has stopped registering new candidates despite heavy pressure from young men who want to work at sea.

Ford Motor's overseas sales recovering

DETROIT (Reuters). — Ford Motors' car and truck sales outside the U.S. and Canada rose 2.4 per cent in the first nine months of 1983, compared with the same period last year, building up a gradual recovery after the trough of 1981, a company spokesman said recently.

Ford, America's second-largest auto company, but the industry's biggest overseas operator, said it sold 1,527,400 cars and trucks outside North America, compared with 1,491,000 in the first nine months of 1982.

The figures showed improved volumes in West Germany, Brazil, South Africa and Argentina, but lower volumes in Britain, Spain, Australia and Mexico.

Work ethics are declining worldwide

LONDON (Reuters). — Workers now demand more personal satisfaction from their jobs than they did 20 years ago and are less willing to produce, a recent international report says.

"The initial effect of new values in the 1960s and 1970s was to cause job holders to demand more... rights and rewards while giving less... effort, quality and commitment," said the report, published by the U.S. Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies.

Its studies were conducted during the past three years in the U.S., Britain, West Germany, Sweden, Israel and Japan.

Though the U.S. still has a strong work ethic, it says, less than American in four performs at capacity, which is one reason low U.S. productivity.

Britain showed the least commitment to work, with only 17 per cent of those questioned showing strong motivation, followed by West Germany, with 26 per cent.

The work ethic is declining rapidly in Japan, the report says, as young Japanese regard themselves as overworked.

Israelis show the highest motivation, it says, with 57 per cent saying they have an inner need to work regardless of pay.

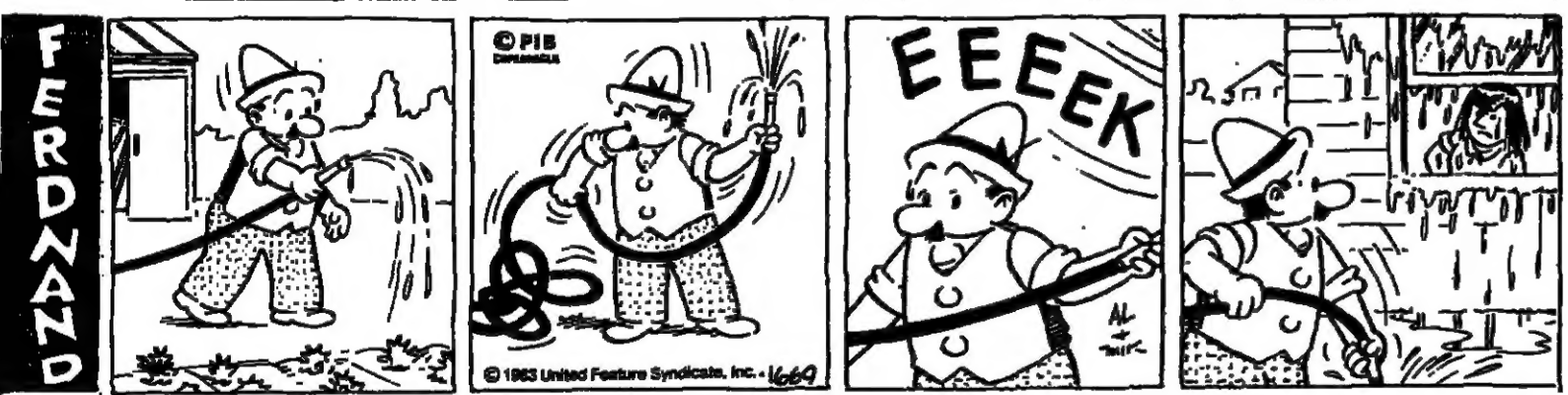
Soviets lower air fares to Black Sea

HELSINKI (AP). — The Soviet travel agency Intourist has cut prices of tourist trips to the Black Sea by around 20 per cent to boost declining business, Finnish travel agencies said.

The decision to reduce prices for next summer's season came after the number of Finns flying to the sunny beaches of the Black Sea and other resorts in the south of the Soviet Union declined by tens of thousands because of high prices and bad service.

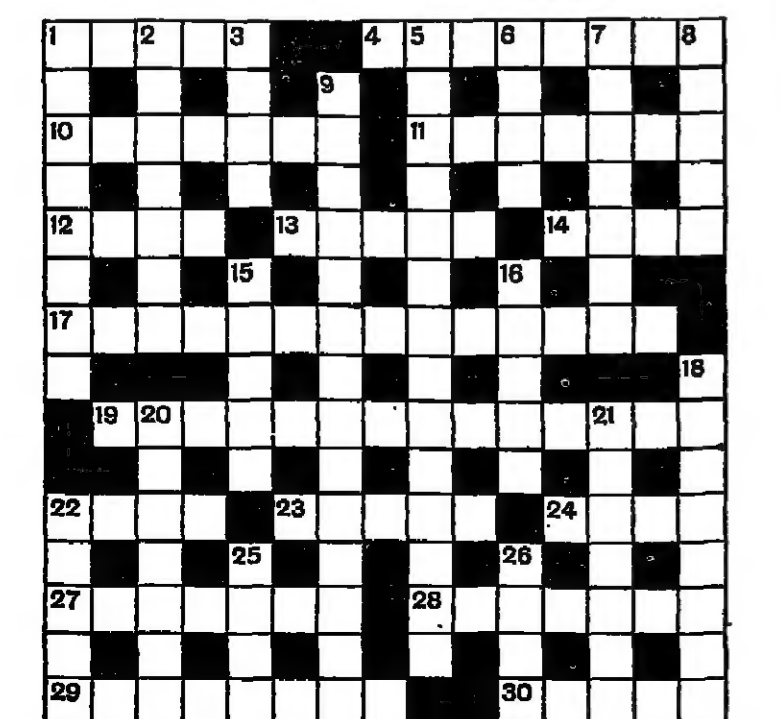
Finland travel agencies will organize trips to the Soviet Union, said a special bottleneck has hit the Leningrad airport, where plane loads of tourists sometimes have had to wait for days with any kind of service and only cold cement floor to sleep on.

CHEAPER. — U.S. whole prices dropped 0.2 per cent in November, reflecting lower food and energy costs, according to Labour Department.



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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Fair clue for a puzzle, maybe (5)</p> <p>4 Arrowsmith, the Jacobean playwright? (8)</p> <p>10 White precipitate put on a pinnacle in Wales (7)</p> <p>11 Minister of God taking us for a short devotional exercise (7)</p> <p>12 Variegated bush round which things revolve (4)</p> <p>13 The currency they had in Hamelin (5)</p> <p>14 A long way off a service return (4)</p> <p>17 Work set for an examination in literature? (10, 4)</p> <p>19 A shade more majestic than royal blue? (8, 6)</p> <p>22 Arts graduate and church music composer (4)</p> <p>23 Gave everyone a hand (5)</p> <p>24 Licensed premises in which music is played (4)</p> <p>27 I ran amok with a Japanese sash in Kenya (7)</p> <p>28 Portia's companion mirrored as a mermaid? (7)</p> <p>29 Got in some gin, perhaps (8)</p> <p>30 A cagebird, if cut short, won't it be adamant (5)</p> | <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 A shop let in error? There'll be despair when it's gone (4, 4)</p> <p>2 & 20 A novel valediction to a ship's carpenter? (4-5, 2, 5)</p> <p>3 Fluctuating sort of diet (4)</p> <p>5 Wisely refrain from tampering with a natural water supply (5, 4, 5)</p> <p>6 Got upset over a loose habit in fashion centuries ago (4)</p> <p>7 Shakespearean prince if given a vote in Yorkshire (7)</p> <p>8 He gets up the front of a step, possibly (5)</p> <p>9 It's impossible to say exactly how long it will last (10, 4)</p> <p>15 He's fooling the bill — and it hurts! (8)</p> <p>16 Overweight porter of considerable strength? (5)</p> <p>18 One of the art gallery's main exhibits? (8)</p> <p>20 See 2</p> <p>21 A spider not usually given a commendation (7)</p> <p>22 Convivial excuse for being tipsy? (5)</p> <p>25 Fish that comes to a musical conclusion (4)</p> <p>26 It side-steps right inside a taxi, apparently (4)</p> |
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Money Matters

Interest worries sink shares again

AVIV — The share market continued to sink rather sharply for a second consecutive session today. The 1.89 per cent drop in the General Share Index, commercial banks excepted, did not fully reflect the market's poor performance. Altogether 118 securities were down by margins from five up to 7.1 per cent. Only 24 issues went to come through with marginal gains. Industrials and investment company issues had the worst of it, as their sectors were down by more than 2.5 per cent. Bank shares part of the agreement with the Treasury continued to lead lower. Leading the way the Union Bank shares, which were 7.1 per cent. Discount Bank shares were five per cent lower, others in the group were down from 1.4-2.7 per cent. A recent drop in the price of bank shares in addition to the continuing devaluation of the sheqel leaves the bank shares a yield of more than 18 per cent in addition to the linkage to dollar.

Those who were looking for a ray of consolation, following yesterday's session, it could be in the falling turnover, which stood just over \$583 million. The market was also much more fluid, as a number of "sellers only" situations were considerably, to only 12. Yesterday's session was going "credit crunch." Correlations will be charged higher in overdrafts after January 1, and are apparently preparing by unloading share holdings may conceivably go even in the period ahead. In

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN

dividual investors, on the other hand, seem to concentrate on flooding their bank shares. The trend is very much in evidence, though there is little financial justification for the sale of these shares at current levels. Moreover, the public is slowly becoming aware that maintaining overdrafts over any extended period will become a very expensive affair. This may well be a reason for the public's participation in the recent sell-off. Financial analysts who had hoped that a traditional end-of-the-year rally would materialize, now concede that this is becoming more and more unlikely. Bank shares which are not part of the agreement were also lower. Maritime Bank 0.1 shares were 7.1 per cent lower, while FIBI was down by 5.1 per cent. Binyan Mortgage was "buyers only," while others in the mortgage bank group were mostly lower. Tefahot pref. lost seven per cent. Clal Leasing 0.1, with a 10.1 per cent fall, led the specialized financial institution equities to lower price territory. Insurance shares managed to wind up the day on the upside. Yardenia 0.1 was ahead by 0.2 per cent, while a number of other issues in the group eked out small advances. Ararat 0.5 was a 10 per cent loser, while the 0.1 shares were registered as "sellers only."

Sharir asks Treasury for \$5m. to promote tourism

By HAIM SHAPIRO

Sharir, the government departments, yesterday asked the Treasury for an additional \$25 million to attract more visitors to Israel. The request came during a four-day meeting between Sharir and Tourism Minister Yigal Cohen. Sharir, together with senior officials of his staffs and members of the tourism industry. The request has no immediate response from the Treasury, but represents the two ministries are to up with a budget for marketing and promotion during the next fortnight. According to Sharir, the investment of a considerably increased number of tourists coming to Israel, from one million to two million, over a three-year period, he said, would result in an annual income in foreign currency of \$2 billion, as well as create jobs for some 25,000 people. Sharir also calls for the lower costs to the tourists, in air fares and hotels. In addition to the money for marketing, Sharir called for cuts in areas that affect tourism, such as landing fees for planes, which are particularly high in Israel. Other packages involved charging Euro-

The service and trade group was clearly lower. Yaneh Computers was down by 10 per cent. The shares earlier were among a group of strong performers in the computer group. Sellers forced the Clal Computer shares to be listed as "sellers only." Nikuv Computers 1 shares were 10.2 per cent lower, while the Nikuv 5 shares slid 12.6 per cent. Land development, real estate and citrus plantation securities were only moderately lower. Property & Building, in spite of its announcement of a proposed 100 per cent bonus share, eased by nearly one per cent. Isras, on the other hand, picked up a 10 per cent gain. Hadarim Properties was a 10 per cent loser, as was the case with Pri-O.

Industrials continued to lose ground. Urdan 0.1 was 9.2 per cent lower, while the 0.5 shares lost a full 10 per cent. Elron and Elbit were down by minute margins. Alliance, on the other hand, was clipped for a 15 per cent loss. Aris was 7.7 per cent lower, while Dafra 5 was clipped for a 10 per cent fall. Vitalgo 5 lost 0.3 per cent. The Zik 1 shares were in poor shape after absorbing a 40 per cent clobbering. The shares had traded as "sellers only" for the preceding two sessions. The Zik 5 shares, which had followed a similar route, only lost 13 per cent. Molet, which announced on Sunday that it had suffered losses, was established as "sellers only." More than a small number of other issues piled up 10 per cent losses. Investment company securities were sharply lower. Wolfson 0.1 was down by a full 10 per cent, as Oz Investments 0.1 was falling by 15 per cent. There was a net demand for the Clal Industries shares, but they traded unchanged. Oil share prices were mostly lower, though the falls were small. Dollar denominated bonds fell by about three per cent, on the average, while the Gibor, dollar linked bonds, were two per cent lower. The shekel was devalued by 101 agorot against the dollar.

Nigeria seeks to reschedule debts of \$5b.

LONDON (AP) — Nigeria will be approaching officials in London in the coming weeks to seek rescheduling of billions of dollars in debts, the Financial Times reported Monday.

The business daily said a team of Nigerian officials will ask "major British exporters" and the British Export Credits Guarantee Department to reschedule their share of the country's estimated \$4 billion to \$5b. owing in trade payments.

It said the Nigerian government is hoping for a repayment period of up to six years and sees the rescheduling as a first step toward a comprehensive credit package with Nigeria's major suppliers.

Nigeria, whose economy underwent an oil boom in the late seventies, has been hit by an employment, inflation and debt crisis in consequence of the falling price of its crude oil.

Commercial Banks

Bank	Price	Change	%
IDB	7700	1411	-0.24
IDB p	3270	1	-0.03
IDB p A	3450	1	-0.03
IDB p B	19900	1	-0.01
IDB p C	2150	217	-0.01
Union 0.1	2430	237	-0.01
Discount A	4300	21	-0.01
Discount B	3500	10	-0.01
Discount C	1343	2436	-0.01
Mizrahi	1343	23	-0.01
Mizrahi p	2140	200	-0.01
Mizrahi p 12	810	149	-0.01
Mizrahi p 13	11500	815	-0.01
Mizrahi p 14	610	38	-0.01
Mizrahi p 15	771	10	-0.01
Mizrahi p 16	140	1146	-0.01
Mizrahi p 17	2850	1	-0.01
Mizrahi p 18	2210	7952	-0.01
Mizrahi p 19	2210	175	-0.01
Mizrahi p 20	3930	765	-0.01
Mizrahi p 21	8001	9	-0.01

Mortgage Banks

Bank	Price	Change	%
Adanim 0.1	985	5	+0.26
Adanim 0.2	141	1	+0.01
Adanim 0.3	1359	75	+0.01
Adanim 0.4	1575	11	+0.01
Adanim 0.5	1000	30	+0.01
Adanim 0.6	145	737	+0.01
Adanim 0.7	1251	10.1	+0.01
Adanim 0.8	890	9	+0.01
Adanim 0.9	890	9	+0.01
Adanim 1.0	315	30	+0.01
Adanim 1.1	3685	36	+0.01
Adanim 1.2	3685	36	+0.01
Adanim 1.3	1335	7	+0.01
Adanim 1.4	930	11	+0.01
Adanim 1.5	930	11	+0.01
Adanim 1.6	1450	6	+0.01
Adanim 1.7	1450	6	+0.01
Adanim 1.8	357	3	+0.01
Adanim 1.9	182	531	+0.01
Adanim 2.0	298	43	+0.01
Adanim 2.1	298	43	+0.01
Adanim 2.2	100	146	+0.01
Adanim 2.3	220	292	+0.01

Financial Institutions

Bank	Price	Change	%
Shilon	142	767	+6.0
Shilon p	886	141	+4.5
Shilon p 1	752	4	+0.1
Shilon p 2	752	4	+0.1
Shilon p 3	119	100	+0.1
Shilon p 4	119	100	+0.1
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Shilon p 19	119	100	+0.1
Shilon p 20	119	100	+0.1

Insurance

Company	Price	Change	%
Argon	313	84	+0.01
Argon p	161	1	+0.01
Argon p 1	161	1	+0.01
Argon p 2	161	1	+0.01
Argon p 3	161	1	+0.01
Argon p 4	161	1	+0.01
Argon p 5	161	1	+0.01
Argon p 6	161	1	+0.01
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Argon p 18	161	1	+0.01
Argon p 19	161	1	+0.01
Argon p 20	161	1	+0.01

Trade, Services & Utilities

Company	Price	Change	%
Galei Zohar	322	36	+0.01
Galei Zohar p	140	33	+0.01
Galei Zohar p 1	140	33	+0.01
Galei Zohar p 2	140	33	+0.01
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Galei Zohar p 19	140	33	+0.01
Galei Zohar p 20	140	33	+0.01

Land, Real Estate, Citrus

Company	Price	Change	%
Oron	151	132	+0.01
Oron p	170	10	+0.01
Oron p 1	170	10	+0.01
Oron p 2	170	10	+0.01
Oron p 3	170	10	+0.01
Oron p 4	170	10	+0.01
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Oron p 20	170	10	+0.01

Investment Companies

Company	Price	Change	%
Dubek	1900	22	+0.01
Dubek p	1900	22	+0.01
Dubek p 1	1900	22	+0.01
Dubek p 2	1900	22	+0.01
Dubek p 3	1900	22	+0.01
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Oil & Oil Exploration

Company	Price	Change	%
Delek	178	0	+0.01
Delek p	178	0	+0.01
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Delek p 2	178	0	+0.01
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Delek p 18	178	0	+0.01
Delek p 19	178	0	+0.01
Delek p 20	178	0	+0.01

Recent issues

Company	Price	Change	%
Meir	291	0.04	+0.01
Meir p	291	0.04	+0.01
Meir p 1	291	0.04	+0.01
Meir p 2	291	0.04	+0.01
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Most active stocks

Company	Price	Change	%
Harshav	2210	175,745.8m	+35
Leumi	1403	10,025.5m	+20
IDB	3270	46,169.1m	+20
Sharon	1875.1m	15.7m	+10
Converbia	15.7m	15.7m	+10
Brands	15.7m	15.7m	+10

Bank of Israel exchange rates

December 19, 1983	IS	IS
U.S. dollar	101.8401	81.4753
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German mark	36.8252	83.1779
French franc	12.0760	18.0824
Dutch guilder	32.8199	52.2404
Swiss franc	46.1170	6.0705
Swedish krona	12.5465	43.0705
Norwegian krona	13.0765	269.88
Danish krone	10.1650	18.77
Finnish mark	17.3050	90.1285

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No economic solutions

THE AGREEMENT signed on Sunday night by the Treasury, the employers and the Histadrut for a 17.9 per cent advance on the cost-of-living allowance payable at the beginning of February is no doubt better than no agreement at all. Failure to reach the agreement would have set off a wave of debilitating strikes, which the country can ill afford.

This being said, it should nevertheless be made clear what this agreement — with its tacit undertaking by the Histadrut to maintain "industrial peace" — really means, and what it does not mean. The belated compensation now to be paid to wage earners (in shekels that continue to lose value at the rate of at least half a per cent a day) has already been more than eroded by the price rises of November and December. By the time the regular cost-of-living allowance is paid, in February, and the present advance is deducted, real wages will have fallen by as much as 50 per cent by comparison with October.

The agreement on the payment of the advance could, and should, have been signed before. As it is, there are several jokers in the pack. Finance Minister Yigael Cohen-Orgad has agreed to raise the tax brackets in line with inflation. But at what rate? Is it to be the full rate of inflation in November, 21.1 per cent, or by the 17.9 per cent of the cost-of-living allowance advance only? If the latter — which was the new-old practice reintroduced by ex-finance minister Yoram Aridor with the consent of the compliant Histadrut — then wages will be eroded even more, while the cost of labour to the employers will rise by the full extent of inflation.

If the former, then at least wage earners will not hand over an increasing share of their already shrunken wages to the Treasury.

Another joker is the mysterious figure of 12 per cent to which the finance minister has pegged the necessary fall in the level of real wages. What does he mean? Is it 12 per cent by comparison with September-October this year, by comparison with the average for 1983, or the average of 1982?

No matter which — one thing is clear: No one will compensate the wage earners for the losses they already have taken and continue to take. Comparisons of the real wage level at two different points in time never take account of the cumulative losses (or gains) in between.

What is also clear is that it is the wage earners, and almost they alone (some small businessmen may also begin to feel the pinch, but they are generally more comfortably padded by being able to eat into their capital) who are made to bear the burden of policy born of panic. The panic broke out when the crash on the stock exchange in October, and the leakage of Yoram Aridor's "dollarization plan," revealed what had been known for a long time: that the economy, and its balance of payments position, had been brought to the verge of bankruptcy.

What seems to be immune to the panic, however, is government spending. Wages shrink, profits (some say) contract, exports become less and less profitable — but government expenditure shows no sign of contracting. On the contrary — it is on the rise.

Wise and conscientious people, within and outside government service, are looking for a way out. The truth that must be driven home, however, is that when a country finds itself in Israel's condition, there are no longer only strictly economic solutions to economic problems. The solution must and can only be political — to have a different policy, that is a different set of priorities from that of the present government.

As long as this is not understood, the citizenry will keep on paying the bill presented by the government they have elected — possibly not realizing the full measure of the cost.

POSTSCRIPTS

FEW OF US may know about it, but the short-toed eagle is one of our most common summer visitors. Like the spur-winged plover, the teal and the garganey, the pintail and the shoveler, these birds visit Israel every year and can be seen at their nesting places or along their migratory routes.

Information about these birds and where to see them is to be found in a new English pamphlet, *Birdwatching in Israel*, by Ester Lachman and issued by the Society for Protection of Nature in Israel.

Especially impressive are the colour photographs by Yossi Eshkol, tempting even the most sedentary of us to run out with field glasses and scan the skies. According to SPNI ornithologist Yossi Leshem, the booklet was largely a result of an article by Bill Clark in *The Jerusalem Post* describing the bird-watching station at Kafr Kassem. Following the article, Leshem says, the station was inundated with English-speaking bird-watchers and the SPNI realized the interest of this segment of the population in its activities.

H.S.

THE ISRAEL BOND organization in the U.S. has launched a commemoration of the 100th anniversary of Eleanor Roosevelt's birth. James Roosevelt, eldest son of the late president and Mrs. Roosevelt, friends of the Roosevelt family and Jewish community leaders participated in the launching of the year-long observance recently at a reception in New York.

Mr. Roosevelt will serve as national honorary chairman of the Centennial Committee, which includes Mrs. Ronald Reagan, Mrs. Jimmy Carter, Mrs. Gerald Ford, Mrs. Richard Nixon, Mrs. Lyndon Johnson and Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis as honorary members.

The commemoration will take the form of a series of community dinners in the U.S. and Canada honouring men and women, both Jews and non-Jews, who have distinguished themselves in business, government, humanitarian, civic, or cultural endeavours.

Eleanor Roosevelt purchased one of the first Israel Bonds in June, 1951 when the Bond organization was founded, from Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury under President Roosevelt and a close friend of the family. Morgenthau was chairman of the Bond campaign's board of governors in the early years of the Bond organization.

Mrs. Roosevelt visited Israel eight times and met with all of Israel's leaders in the 1950s and early 1960s.

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IN HIS ATTACK on the "abominable" system of the welfare state (*The Jerusalem Post*, December 4) David Krivine paints a horrendous picture of a worldwide socialist conspiracy whose "gigantic tentacles" have "started to suffocate society" by "impoverishing the population" and subjecting the recipients of welfare to "humiliations" and "degrading" experiences.

How did this come about? "... The old-time socialists," Krivine writes, "despised the masses... The citizen's object in life, it was stated on the highest authority, is to get drunk."

The identity of this "highest authority" is not disclosed. Presumably, he was the president of the conspirators.

Let us get away from rhetoric and look at the facts. First of all, it was not the socialists who invented the welfare state: its seeds may be discerned in the reforms instituted just a century ago by Bismarck, the "Iron Chancellor," in order to spike the socialist guns.

Two other landmarks in the genesis of the welfare state were Lloyd George's National Insurance Act of 1911 and, most notably, the Beveridge Report of 1942. Both men responsible were Liberals, and one of their motives was to provide an alternative to socialism.

That was why some socialists expressed reservations about the welfare-state system, and it was considerably expanded in several West European countries under non-socialist governments.

Nor, of course, was it socialists who developed the social security system in the United States. While the socialists were also concerned with the more equal distribution of existing wealth, which is one of the objectives of the welfare state, their main goal was to extend public control of the economy in order to meet the needs of the people (rather than the owners' need for profits) and to provide the workers with a higher standard of living.

The charge that "welfare-state socialists" (or any other kind) "have reduced the capacity of society to create wealth, have held back and even lowered living standards, and not perceptibly reduced economic

MODERN technological society has discovered ways of prolonging life without giving much thought to the new social problems that accompany this phenomenon. Israel is no different from Western countries in this respect and therefore faces these very same issues.

In Israel at the time of the founding of the state, only 3.4 per cent of the population was over 65. In 1975, the figure was 8.7 per cent, and by the year 2000, it is predicted to reach 10.1 per cent. The age group of 75 plus (old-old) by the year 2000 will have doubled.

The capacity of many older people to work, to create, to contribute leadership and the wisdom of experience to the community and to enjoy leisure time, their families, friends and neighbours is encouraging. But some live in fear and despair, in anguish and isolation. Some are disabled, mentally impaired or poverty-stricken. The elderly are a very heterogeneous population.

Ageing does not necessarily have to present a problem if we prepare

'Abominable' conspiracy

By MISHA LOUVISH

inequality" has no foundation in fact.

The spread of the welfare state has been accompanied by higher productivity, improved living standards and less inequality — though, of course, there is still a very long way to go.

IS THE SYSTEM degrading and humiliating? Perhaps I may be permitted to give my personal experience. Having subscribed to National Insurance during my working life in Israel, I can now, in my middle seventies, enjoy a modest pension.

I also receive a pension as a result of my years in government service. This is known as a "budgetary" pension, but actually it has been paid for by the Histadrut, accepting a lower salary scale than would have been necessary if it had been financed by regular deductions from my pay.

I don't find any of this in the least degrading. I know that I've paid for it all, whether by the compulsory National Insurance dues or by my contribution, in proportion to my income during the years when my earnings were comparatively high, to the government's tax revenues which cover part of the cost.

It should be added that everything I meet is just as aware as I am that these provisions for old age are not charity and can be used, without the slightest loss of self-respect, to enable us to take it easy, if we so choose, after a lifetime of service.

And I haven't had to go cap in hand to anyone: my rights are defined by law or by collective agreements, and if I felt that I was not getting my due, I could have gone to the courts for a remedy.

WHAT ABOUT medical insurance — a better name for the services provided by the Histadrut and other funds than "Kupat Holim"? Here, too, I am enjoying the fruits of payments I have made in the past, whether as Kupat Holim's share of my Histadrut dues (most of the rest of which went to provide trade union protection for my wages and working conditions) or as my fair share of the tax revenue from which the government subsidizes the fund.

Here again, I have not experienced the "humiliation" and "degradation" referred to in the Krivine article. I have known a variety of doctors, one or two bad, some indifferent, and some very good indeed. The same applies to the officials in the office. My branch, Katamon Vav, has — as its name implies — a mixed clientele. Sometimes the patients waiting their turn get impatient and suspicious if anyone seems to be trying to jump the queue.

THE BASIC WEAKNESS of the system is one facet of its great merit: it covers the greater part of the population. If it was restricted to those who have the money to pay even a part of the cost, the clinics would not be crowded because the poor would just have to stay away and suffer — or die. That would be the inevitable result of the remedy which Krivine suggests, for no conceivable method of income equalization by taxes could provide everyone with enough money to pay all the costs of modern medicine.

Let me again, give some of the results of my own experience: For about two-thirds of my membership, I hardly needed any medical attention for myself or my family.

As the years went by, various kinds of ailments developed, and

my wife and I have benefited from tests and types of treatment that would have reduced me to beggary if I had to pay for them at the time they were needed.

This does not mean that we have had to resort to charity; it means that, through the social welfare system, we have spread out our expenditure rationally over the years, putting aside the money, by payment of Histadrut dues and national taxes — direct and indirect — during the period when we did not need to use it, so that it is available now, when we do.

The system also spreads out the expenditure in what might be called two other dimensions.

Firstly, owing to the progressive rates of income tax and, to a smaller extent, Histadrut dues, those who have more pay a higher proportion of the cost than those who are poor.

Secondly, those who are fortunate enough to enjoy good health cover part of the cost of looking after those who suffer from serious illness or are faced with sudden emergencies like accidents at work or on the roads.

THE IDEA that anyone except the very rich could save enough money to provide for suitable treatment if he was severely injured in a car crash or found that he was suffering from cancer is preposterous. So is the expectation that the bank would help in an emergency, when the potential borrower would be a very bad risk. And if he had to appeal to the social welfare service we would have just the situation of depending on the decisions of an official that Krivine regards as abominable.

Besides, it is utterly impossible that private enterprise could build and maintain all the schools, hospitals, clinics and so forth required. Commercial corporations would never establish adequate training facilities for doctors, nurses, social workers, teachers and the like, so that Krivine's system would soon collapse for lack of personnel.

It is also an illusion to imagine that privatization would increase efficiency. In the United States, for example, the expenditure per head on medical services is about 50 per cent higher than the West European average, and the facilities available are considerably inferior.

Moreover, the last country in the world where economies in state expenditure on the social services would significantly reduce the burden of taxation is Israel, where three-quarters of the budget devoted to defence and debt payments, and only a quarter goes covering the entire civilian expenditure of the government.

THERE ARE a number of glaring inconsistencies in the Krivine article. It condemns "the socialist solution" — namely, "to equalize through impoverishment, by taking money away from the wealthy," then, a few paragraphs later, praises the method of progressive taxation which takes money from the rich but says that the money should be given to the poor "instead of to civil service."

It omits to state what would happen to the incentive for work if poor were given, out of tax revenue enough money to pay the fees of privately run schools and charges of the privately run hospitals.

The GNP is not expanding, says, "because the economy is strangled by the public sector enormous budgets and Treasury's monstrous budgets" and then discloses — indirectly in parenthesis — that the GNP expanded by an average of about per cent a year during the decades before the current one.

These were the two decades Labour was in power and laid foundations for our own well state system.

Perhaps, instead of this futile exercise in Milton Friedmanism, 64,000-dollar question should Why was the rapid and sustained economic growth, coupled with controlled inflation, and a drop in the adverse balance of payments during a quarter of a century of Labour rule, replaced by galloping inflation, economic stagnation and a growing payments deficit since the Likud took over?

Since the social-welfare system was a more or less common factor under both regimes, it is reasonable to seek the answer in differences between the ideological outlooks and policies of the political movements concerned.

The writer is Jewish involved in Labour affairs.

Coming of age

By ZEV HYMOWITZ

properly for it. We pray for long life and, of course, we hope to be healthy. However, given today's economic climate, many intelligent people are concerned as to whether there will be adequate services available to them.

The government and the public sector today offer a range of services, homes for the aged, which serve the gamut from the ambulatory to psychogeriatrics, protected housing, day centres, home care, medical services, meals on wheels and other community projects. Society's goal is to keep the aged person living in his familiar surroundings as long as possible. Ninety-five per cent of the nation's elderly should be able to do so. Are existing services sufficient to meet

the needs of today and tomorrow? Does the private sector have a greater role to play?

ISRAELI SOCIETY has not yet responded adequately to meet the needs of its burgeoning aged population, despite the substantial progress made in the development of programmes to meet their needs. The aged need adequate income, health care, home-care services, adequate housing, social services, legal assistance, opportunities for employment, good food, opportunities for socialization and constructive use of leisure time, and, when needed, decent institutional care.

The government sponsors many homes for the aged and has begun

to build housing appropriate for the needs of this population. Many more of these housing units are required. Eshel, the Association for the Planning and Development of Services for the Aged, which is a project of the Joint Distribution Committee and the government, has played an important role in developing models and influencing standards for these housing developments and for homes for the aged throughout the country.

The private sector has built some housing complexes and operates homes for the aged. However, many more are required just to meet today's need. Taking into account the current economic situation, the Government should offer incentives to the private sector, including overseas investors, to provide adequate housing for the substantial sector of the elderly population that can afford these facilities, thus freeing the government to provide for the remainder.

The 5 per cent of the population that will need institutional care poses no less of a problem. Here

too, the government's resource not sufficient, and we shall have to invite private initiative to supplement its efforts.

Since this is a critical issue to the government and the private sector are natural allies in facing new set of challenges and opportunities. Partnership in a welfare state with the private sector is no longer a debatable point, as a matter of fact, it already plays a significant role. With appropriate standards and regulations enforced by the state, there is little concern. The private sector should be invited in with even greater force.

We seek different ways to encourage our brethren overseas, as well as our own citizens, to invest private enterprise where a good can be achieved. What good can there be than invest our elderly citizens to assure well-being during a critical juncture in their life?

The writer is director of the Distribution Committee-Israeli, chairman of Eshel.

READERS' LETTERS

CHRISTIANS IN ISRAEL

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — I must take issue with Sylvia Vickoon's letter (December 12).

I can understand the Jews' deep sensitivity about missionary activity from which they have suffered so much through the ages in the Diaspora. However, the Jews of Israel are under no such handicap.

No one can force them to convert; and the suggestion that missionaries can "destroy the Jewish

soul" is an outrage. The only thing that can destroy the human soul is Jewish or otherwise — is hate and the extremes of selfishness and materialism.

Most of us — Christians or of Christian origin — help Israel without ulterior motive, but from a sense of guilt for past history and shame for former ignorance, leading to a genuine love for Israel and respect for the Jewish people.

HARRIET GODDARD

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — I am a tourist, a citizen of the United Kingdom and a resident of Zimbabwe.

On December 3, in Tiberias, I was part of a group of people that were stoned and verbally abused by certain Israeli citizens because of our love for Jesus Christ. While this was happening we did not retaliate but continued our worship as best as possible. We had babies and children with us.

A Jewish friend in Zimbabwe, prior to my departure, showed me a brochure on Israel, which stated that there is freedom of worship for people of all religions. I do not think this is true.

I am not a missionary. I love and worship the God of Israel and yes, I do love Jesus, but am here as a visitor. I am only one woman, but for what it's worth I am a friend of Israel, in a world that mostly doesn't

care about her. I live in a country that is officially hostile toward Israel but I am one of many Christians in Zimbabwe who have positive things to say about your people. This is because I love and fear the God of Israel and I care about the Jewish people. Without Jesus I, as a gentile, would not even have access to the God of Israel and then I would be without hope in the world.

Is there or is there not freedom of worship for Messianic Jews and can Christian tourists like myself, worship where they choose and be left in peace? If this freedom exists, what measures are going to be taken to protect such people from violence and harassment?

A thought in closing — what on earth are events like this going to do to your tourist industry?

S.J.L. GIBB

Harare, Zimbabwe.

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — I was delighted to read (December 7) that Beth Shalom will not be building a missionary centre in Gilo as planned.

On behalf of others in Gilo who also opposed the project I would like to express appreciation to Mayor Teddy Kollek for his sensitivity to our feelings, and, as your report indicated, for advising Beth Shalom not to go ahead with the project. This is a fine example of a mayor putting the interests of local residents before other interests.

It is also an example of how residents in a local neighbourhood who oppose a local development can use peaceful and democratic means to register their opposition — and succeed.

MICHAEL JACOBS

Gilo, Jerusalem.

PENFRIENDS RICHARD RAGOORBARSHING (18), of 24 A Green Street, Arima, Trinidad, West Indies, would like to have Israeli penfriends. He likes to listen to modern music and write songs.

MAKE THE DOCKERS PAY

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — The sheer waste of all those fruits and vegetables meant for European markets that were dumped and destroyed recently at the ports is horrendous.

The loss to Europe, to our prestige and integrity in delivering quality goods on time, to the millions starving on our planet who could have benefited, not to mention the actual financial loss, is inestimable.

All this, for what? For a plea for higher wages? There are other ways to do that.

How can any government afford to give higher wages with such damage to an already shaky economy? On the contrary. All perpetrators of this crime should have their salaries docked to pay for the \$250 million lost to the country.

How long are we to remain the puppets of our own political system? If we are not for our country, who will be?

SANDRA KWIATEK

Haifa.

THE RELEASED PRISONERS

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — No punishment at all for the six soldiers released by the PLO last month, and who had been captured reportedly through their own negligence would be a grievous blow to military discipline and morale. Its message: no need to be soldierly and treat field security as serious business — there is no punishment if you don't and the homecoming is the same.

The "balanced judgement" called for in your editorial of December 1 would consist of a modest welcome followed by a well-deserved court martial for not stationing a sentry to guard against surprise while they ate. If they were indeed incompetent, trained as *The Post* editorial states, then in the dock with them

should be the officers and the policy planners who entrust Israel's front line to "inexperienced soldiers barely out of training."

Perhaps those officers and policy planners should get the share of the punishment, but gross military inefficiency must go unacknowledged or unpunished (Name and address supplied).

Sir, — A court martial for recently released IDF prison think they have been sufficiently punished for their neglect of To suggest now that they shot court-martialed after all they been through during their captivity makes one lose faith in Jewish passion.

CHAIM PERL

Jerusalem.

AVOIDING BOMBS ON BUSES

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — Your observation following the grievous blast on the Jerusalem bus, that the public have become less alert and wary, is timely and relevant.

One danger is that at crowded bus stops people have a habit of pushing on a bus through the rear door. The driver on a close-packed bus cannot see this nor prevent it.

But this is the terrorist's opportunity. He only has to get on through the rear door, drop parcel, and alight at the next stop.

It would be a safeguard if public would discipline themselves not to get on at the back and sengers on the bus should be of those who do.

DAVID FREEMAN

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